**The Jesus Trilogy – A Resurrection Story (Leader Notes)**

**HOOK**

**1. What’s your favorite movie trilogy of all time?**

**2. What is your favorite part of the Jesus trilogy: Christmas, Life and Death of Jesus, or Easter?**

**3. What story is currently in the news that you think is underrated in importance? What story is overrated in importance?**

**LOOK at the BOOK**

**Read Scripture – John 19:33; 20:1-9**

**4. Is the death of Jesus a critical point of faith? What is it about Jesus’ death that makes it so powerful?** (That a sinless Son of God died in our place so that we could be forgiven, free and righteous. Cf. Rom. 5:8; 2 Cor. 5:21)

**5. Why did Jesus have to rise from the dead?**

**1.To fulfill Scripture (Read Luke 24:7, 44; Ps. 16:10; Is. 53:11)**

God promised a Messiah, and the resurrection of Jesus was God keeping His Word.

**2. To prove who Jesus is. Read Romans 1:2-4**

Of the world’s major religions, only Christianity claims its founder is still alive.

**3. To give us the gift of life**

A dead Savior can’t save anyone. To give us the gift of life, Jesus has to have life in himself.

**TOOK- Implications**

**6. What difference does the resurrection make in the life of a believer? Read Rom. 10:9 and**

**2 Cor. 5:15.**

**7. Read John 20:24-31. Thomas, one of the close friends of Jesus, initially doubted his resurrection. What doubts do you have about Christianity?**

**8. Are doubts positive, negative, or neutral?**

**9. What would it take for you to go from Doubting Thomas to believer?**

**10. Is Pascal’s Wager a compelling argument to you?** (He suggested that every human being bets with their life that either God exists or that he doesn’t exist. Based on the assumption that the stakes are infinite if God exists and that there is at least a small probability that God in fact exists, Pascal argued that a rational person should live as though God exists and seek to believe in God. If God doesn’t actually exist, such a person will have only a finite loss (some pleasures, luxury, etc.), whereas we stand to receive infinite gains (as represented by eternity in heaven) and avoid infinite losses (eternity in hell).

**11. What changed Thomas? Was it believing in the doctrine of the resurrection? (**It was a personal encounter with the risen Lord.)

**12. What difference does the resurrection of Jesus make to believers who are trying to witness to others?** (If you’re going to tell others about Jesus, you shouldn’t look as if you just came back from a funeral.)