

JESUS IS **BETTER**

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Week 17 – Jesus is Better (than Dead Religion)

Notes:

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SMALL GROUP Q'S

Think:

1. Where does Easter rank in your list of favorite holidays? What are some of your favorite Easter memories growing up?
2. C.S. Lewis said, "Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important." Whether you agree or disagree with this statement, share please share your reasons why...
3. Galatians 2:20 is possibly the clearest and most concise summary of the Christian life in the entire Bible. Based on where you're at in your spiritual journey right now, which of the four components seemed most meaningful or relevant to you and why?
 - I died (I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live)
 - I am indwelt (but Christ lives in me)
 - I am dependent (and the life I now live...I live by faith in the Son...)
 - I am significant (who loved me and gave Himself for me)

Feel:

4. Brennan Manning wrote, "For me the most radical demand of Christian faith lies in summoning the courage to say yes to the present risenness of Jesus Christ." Why does it take courage to say yes to the risenness of a person we cannot physically see and a power we cannot always feel?
5. Describe the practical difference the present risenness of Jesus can make in each of the following situations, if you truly trusted in this reality...
 - In the midst of a serious disagreement with someone close to you
 - In the dark hours of watching someone you love suffer
 - In bringing comfort/meaning to the pain that you've endured in this life
 - In thinking about your ultimate destiny and questions of the afterlife
 - In the way you relate to people or situations which annoy you

Do:

6. In the week ahead, what step(s) can you take to begin more actively "practicing the presence" of the risen Christ in your life?