



The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Discussion Guide

Season 4, Episode 10

Who Is This King of Glory?

We begin to look at John The Baptist and try to ask the question, was John an Essene?

Introduction

Recap: Last week on *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, we discussed the three unique ways God works through the “wilderness” of life.

Take a few minutes to discuss this week's episode and what stuck out to everyone.

1. How much do you know about the Dead Sea Scrolls? Why do you think this is such a significant discovery?

Discussion

Have someone read aloud **Matthew 3:1-3** and **Isaiah 40:3-5**.

1. How would you describe the Essenes, and why might John the Baptist be an Essene?
2. How was the way the Essenes lived affected by the Old Testament Scriptures?
3. How would you describe the Essene's view and treatment of Scripture, and what can we learn from them?
4. How do you think a group of people can be so focused on something (the coming of the Messiah) and still miss it?



Application:

Take some time to apply what you have discussed.

1. What times have you had to stand up for the Word of God, and how did those times affect your faith?
2. How do you see the Word of God affecting how you live your life on a day-to-day basis?
3. The Essenes focused on cleansing four specific areas as they engaged with the Word of God. As you engage with the Word of God, how does it affect these four areas of your life?
 - Head - what you think
 - Heart - your emotions
 - Hands - what you do
 - Feet - where you go
4. What Scripture is currently shaping you, and how is it shaping you?

Pray

Share prayer requests and pray as a group at the end of your conversation. Here is a prompt:

1. Pray that the Lord would increase our passion and reverence for His Word, and pray that we could apply it to our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Catch up on Seasons 1 - 3 and find out more about *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, including show notes, on *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast* [webpage](#).

F260 Bible Reading Plan and Scripture Memorization

If you need a Bible reading and Scripture memorization plan to help you intentionally engage with the Word of God, you can find the *Foundations F260* plan [here](#).

