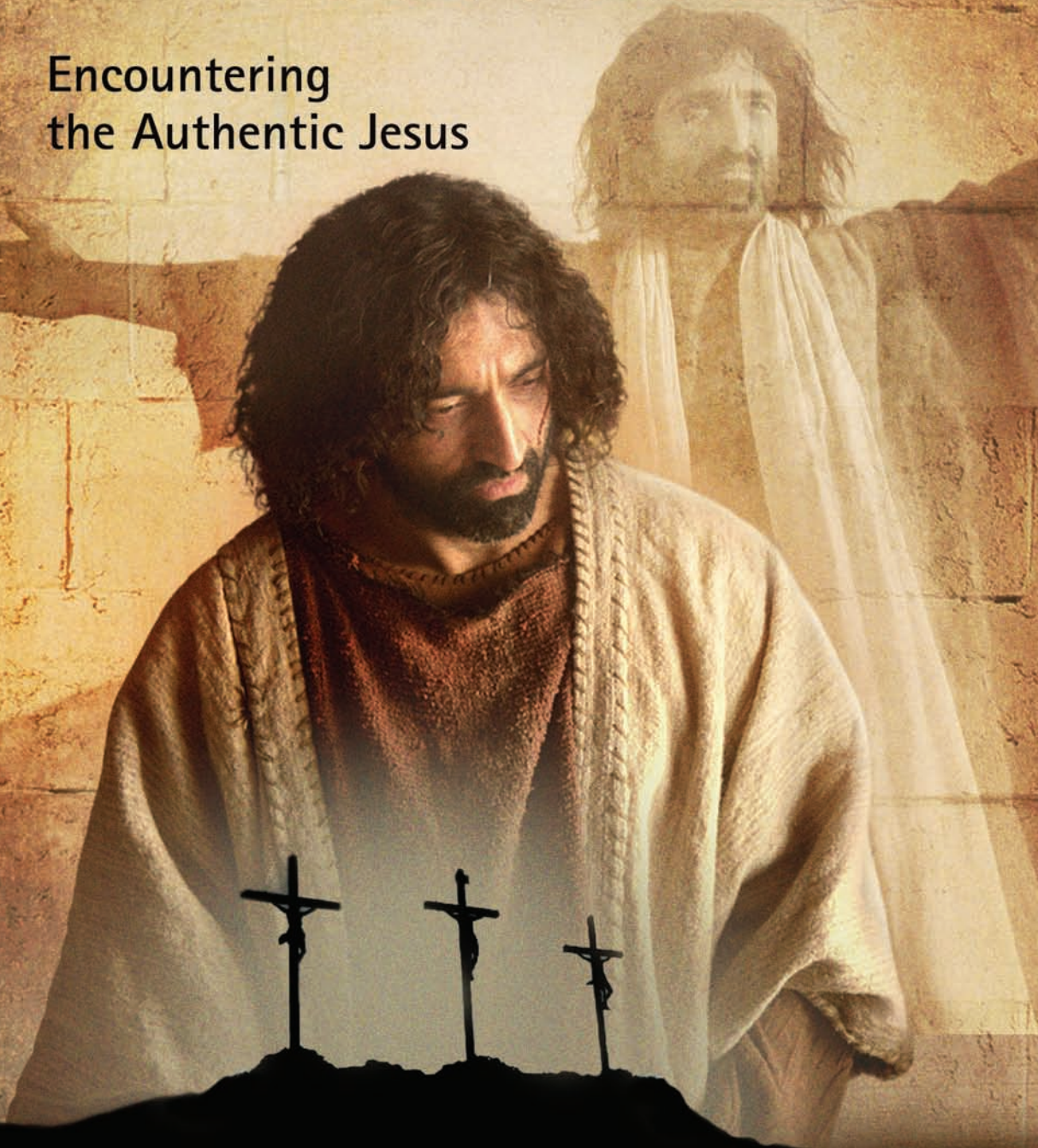


DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR  
**JESUS**  
REVEALED

Encountering  
the Authentic Jesus



**DISC 1: UNDERDOG | REVOLUTIONARY | HERO**

# Discussion Guide for JESUS REVEALED – Disc 1

**Note to users of this study guide:** Each of the three episodes on this disc (Underdog, Revolutionary, Hero) has been further indexed into short segments. You can use your DVD remote to advance through the segments. You may choose to watch an entire episode with your group and then answer the questions, or pause the DVD for discussion between each of the segments. The second option may be especially helpful for episode 1.

## EPISODE 1 – UNDERDOG

### Segment 1 – Birth of the underdog (00:05)

View segment 1 and read the accounts of Jesus' birth in Matthew 2:1-18 and Luke 2:1-16. Discuss the following questions:

- Think back to the nativity plays you have seen. Do you think those presentations have distorted your understanding of the story of Jesus' birth? If so, how?
- How do you think the religious leaders of Jesus' day would have reacted to the news that shepherds and foreign astrologers were the first to welcome Him?
- Do you think the Church sometimes underplays the deprived background of Jesus? If so, why do you think this is?

### Segment 2 – Fishers of men (03:29)

View segment 2 and read Matthew 4:18-22.

- Who were the underdogs in this passage? What do we know about them?
- Jesus seemed to make a habit of asking the underdogs of society to follow Him. Why?
- How does seeing Jesus as an underdog and a leader challenge some of our expectations of leaders today?
- If Jesus were here on earth today, where do you think He would look for His followers? Does the answer make you uncomfortable?
- The early disciples were willing to risk everything to follow Jesus. Are we available to Jesus in the same way today?
- These days the Church is growing most rapidly in less developed countries. Why do you think this is so?
- Do we rely too much on our abilities, riches, and influence rather than on God?

### Segment 3 – "I swear I don't know this man!" (06:30)

View segment 3 and read Luke 22:54-62.

- Jesus saw the potential in Peter and kept committed to him even when he made some poor decisions. Who are you investing in because you see their God-given potential?
- When Peter saw Jesus on the shore, he jumped out of the boat and hurried to see Him. Given Peter's recent denial, do you think it was difficult for him to see Jesus again?

### Segment 4 – "Do you love me?" (08:43)

View segment 4 and read John 21:1-18.

- Why did Jesus repeatedly ask Peter this question?
- If you've been a Christian for a while, how does your life today match up with your early hopes?
- Who are "the sheep" that Jesus is asking you to feed?
- What are you NOT willing to lose for the sake of the Gospel?

### Segment 5 – "Therefore, go and make disciples" (10:55)

View segment 5 and read Matthew 28:18-20.

- Why does Jesus stress in this passage that all authority is His?
- What does it mean to be a disciple maker?
- Jesus says, "Teach them to obey everything I have commanded." What are the commands of Jesus?
- What has this episode and this discussion inspired you to do practically?

*Lord God, today we make ourselves available again. With open hearts, we wait...With empty hands, we wait...With willing spirits, we wait...We wait for You. Father, by Your Spirit, fill us, equip us and lead us, we pray. Amen.*

## EPISODE 2 – REVOLUTIONARY

### Segment 1 – The ultimate revolution (00:03)

View segment 1 and read John 2:13-20.

- What kind of images and emotions does the term "revolution" conjure up in your mind?
- What emotions does Jesus display in these verses? Do Jesus' actions surprise you?
- Have you ever thought of Jesus as a revolutionary? If you've not thought of Him this way, why do you think you haven't?
- Andy claims that the human heart is the root of the world's problems. Do you agree?

### Segment 2 – "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." (02:23)

View segment 2 and read Luke 4:14-20.

- What jumps out at you as you read Jesus' declaration in verses 18?
- How does this manifesto compare to the life that you are living?

### Segment 3 – "The Year of the Lord's favor." (05:04)

View segment 3 and answer the following questions:

- Verse 19 mentions "the time of the Lord's favor" (in some translations, "the year or the day of the Lord's favor"). Given Andy's explanation of this phrase's origin, does it have any relevance for us in the 21st century?
- If the "time of the LORD's favor" came about today, what changes would it bring about in society?
- How did Jesus fulfill the scripture that talks about "the year of the Lord's favor?"
- Is the Church a dynamic force that helps promote positive change, or are we resisting it?

### Segment 4 – "The Spirit of the Lord in on me." (06:41)

View segment 4 and answer these questions:

- What does it mean to be anointed by the Spirit (verse 18)?
- When we encounter Jesus, how is His plan for a revolution made real in our lives?
- If love is at the heart of Jesus' revolution, what would your next 24 hours look like if you followed in His footsteps?

### Segment 5 – "They were furious when they heard this." (09:08)

View segment 5 and read Luke 4:20-30.

- What do you think the people meant when they whispered amongst themselves, "Isn't this Joseph's son?"
- Why does Jesus bring up the story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath? And why does it make the crowd so angry? (See I Kings 17 for context.)
- The revolution is costly. What do you find hardest about it?
- What has this episode and this discussion inspired you to do practically?

*Father, we thank You for the revolution of Good News, the revolution of freedom and sight, and the revolution that releases captives. Continue the revolution in our hearts, we pray. Help us to know a deeper sense of Your reality. Change us. Mold us. Shape us. And as we are revolutionized, help us to become revolutionaries for You. Help us jump in with Your plans to see the world restored. Anoint us with Your Spirit, we pray. Amen.*

## EPISODE 3 – HERO

### Segment 1 – What is a hero? (00:04)

View segment 1 and read Matthew 27:24-56.

- Who are some of your heroes (from your personal life, from history, literature, pop culture, etc.)? How are these heroes like or unlike Jesus?
- Do we need heroes? If so, why?
- What are the characteristics of a hero?
- Is it possible to live life well if you don't have a hero?

### Segment 2 – "Darkness came over all the land." (04:28)

View segment 2 and discuss the following questions:

- How do you think the people witnessing Jesus' death would have reacted to the three hours of darkness that came over the landscape?
- Why did Jesus cry, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"

### Segment 3 – "Torn from top to bottom." (07:21)

View segment 3 and discuss the following questions:

- The Gospel says that the veil in the temple was torn in two at the moment of Jesus' death. How does Jesus' death give us access to the Holy of Holies?
- Are there areas of your life where it feels as if there is still a veil dividing you from God?

### Segment 4 – "The Earth shook, the rocks split." (09:10)

View segment 4 and discuss the following questions:

- If darkness was defeated at the cross, why is there still so much evil in the world today?
- Andy suggests that the earthquake symbolizes a new age breaking into the world. Do we have a part to play in bringing in these changes, or does God do it all alone?

### Segment 5 – "The tombs broke open." (11:31)

View segment 5 and discuss the following questions:

- What do you think it was about the death of Jesus that inspired the centurion to say, "Surely this is God's son"?
- Jesus ultimately defeats death when He rises from the grave. How should this impact the way we view death?
- How does seeing Jesus as a hero impact our relationship with Him?
- What has this episode and this discussion inspired you to do practically?

*Father, thank You for the cross. Thank You that the sky did not remain black, that darkness has been defeated. Empower us to join with You in challenging injustice and darkness, in our hearts and in the world. Thank You for the cross. Thank You that the curtain has been torn, that access has been granted. Help us to remember that we can speak directly to You, in the noise and in the quiet. Thank You for the cross. Thank You that another world is possible, that the countdown has started. Empower us to live for Your Kingdom, in the words we speak and in the actions we take. Thank You for the cross. Thank You that the grave became empty, that death has been conquered. Help us to remember that we have life in You, in the now and in the everlasting. Amen.*



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