



Diving Deeper: A Gather Group discussion guide  
or personal devotional guide



## Repent or Reject?

**Introduction:** The crowd cheered the entry of Jesus as he rode on a donkey singing Hosannah! A few days later, the crowd was shouting crucify him. Jesus was betrayed, denied, delivered over, and killed on a Roman cross. The good news is that Jesus conquered death, hell, and the grave, and rose again on Sunday morning! He then commissioned his followers to go and share this glorious news!

**Text:** Read Luke 23 & 24 and Acts 3:12-26

### Discussion:

1. Icebreaker: What do you think of when you hear the word "Easter?"
2. Read Luke 24:5—What are the dead places where people still seek for life? Why does that fail?
3. What does gospel mean?
4. Read Acts 1:8 What does Jesus say we are to be? How did the early Christians act upon these words? What is the evidence for your answer?
5. Acts 3 tells of a guy who was lame from birth that is healed by the power of Jesus. Peter and John are present and Peter declares the power of God over his life. The people are amazed and are intrigued by Peter and John. Peter quickly diverts any glory off himself and on to Jesus. He then uses this as a way to share the good news of Jesus with them. Why is it important to look to Jesus and not to people? What does this say about Peter and John and their walk with Christ?
6. What does Peter bring to their attention in Acts 3:13-15?
7. What does Peter say that God is willing to do in Acts 3:17-20? How does this demonstrate God's love and grace?
8. What does it mean to repent? What does it mean to turn again?
9. It's easy to point fingers and say—they killed Jesus. We often make claims that, "I would not have been one of those in the crowd shouting crucify." We want to think that we aren't the guilty one. However, the Bible says otherwise. The question becomes, "Who really killed Jesus?"
10. Read Romans 4:25. Who was delivered up? Why was he delivered up?
11. Read 1 Peter 2:24-25 Who's sins did Jesus bear?
12. Read Colossians 2:13-14 Who was dead in sin? Who makes a dead soul alive? Who does God accomplish new life for the dead soul? What happened at the cross?
13. Have you surrendered to Jesus as Lord?

### Think About it:

We have the choice set before us. We can either repent and flee to the cross of Christ, or we can reject his offer of salvation and walk our own path. The Bible declares that God loved us so much that he sent his only son so that we might believe in him and have eternal life (John 3:16). You can believe in Jesus, or not believe in Jesus. You can repent and change your mind, or continue in a path of disbelief. One path leads to everlasting life. One path leads to everlasting death. Which adventure will you choose?

### Moving Forward:

Thank God every day this week for his grace and mercy. Look for opportunities to continue the walk of faith and share the good news with others. Surrender your life to Jesus. Wave with white flag of surrender and all Christ to have your heart in all areas of your life.