

Media



✔ Prepare in Advance

- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.
- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).

✔ Group

Show the *Bible Background Video* followed by the two “Jesus Christ Superstar” video clips, then use any or all of these questions to promote discussion:

- These videos show Jesus acting in ways that disappointed people. In what ways do they reflect this scripture?
- What do you think your congregation tries to get people to expect from Jesus?
- In what ways might the reality of what your congregation teaches about Jesus differ from the expectations it wants people to have and why?
- In what ways does your congregation follow the human Jesus versus the divine Jesus?
- How does your congregation reach out to people whose image of Jesus is affected by some sort of disappointment?

✔ React to This

Play the “Saved” and/or “Office Space” videos, stopping briefly after each for any comments, then ask questions like:

- What do you think that these clips have to say about the conversation so far?
- Tell about a time when a friend surprised you, maybe even shocked you, in some way. What happened? How did you respond at the time? How did it affect your friendship over time? What did you learn from it?
- What, if any, aspects of your relationship with Jesus do you think is different from what most people might expect and why? What do you think that says about you?
- About what issue were you most surprised by changing your mind and why?
- How can we best help other people to know Jesus as a person, whose mind can change and who might surprise us, rather than as a concept?

✔ Closing

Invite people to talk about a way in which Jesus has surprised them. Pray together that you may be ready and able to welcome Jesus however he might encounter you.

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