

## Discussion Guide: Jesus the One and Only

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42 (NIV)*

**May 18, 2003:** "Jesus the One and Only"<sup>1</sup> presented by The Spirit and Truth Choir and the College Park Orchestra under the direction of Worship Pastor Eric Anderson. What a marvelous musical event in the life of our church. The musical celebrated the ministry of Jesus, moving from His birth, through His life, and on to His future early reign.<sup>2</sup>

### Application Discussion:

In his introductory remarks, Pastor Joe Bartemus set the stage for the musical which included the section of the gospel of John with Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus.

Open your discussion this evening in prayer, and then open your bibles and read Numbers 21:4-9 together. Then read John 3:14-16. As you compare these accounts in the Numbers and the Gospel of John...

- What was God asking the people of Israel to do, and what is God asking us to do today?
- What was the promise to the people of Israel, and what is God's promise to us today?
- What do you find interesting about the involvement of a snake in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3), the account of the snake and the chosen nation of Israel (Numbers 21), the reference to the snake in the encounter with Nicodemus (John 3), and the final defeat of Satan (Revelation 20)?

Thank God for the victory we have over the power of sin that entered into the world through the sin of the first Adam.

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 1 Corinthians 15:22 (NIV)

When does this eternal life begin for the believer? What should be the outward evidence that such a life exists? John 3:19-21, 1 John 1:5-7, Colossians 1:10-14, etc.

After the concluding number of the musical, Agnus Dei, the choir encircled the audience and sang "Thank You, Lord." What a beautiful conclusion and perhaps it would be worthy of our time this evening in spending some time together in praising God and raising our voices in thanking him. Do this in a discussion format or in a time of prayer.

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.  
Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)*

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<sup>1</sup> John 14:6 and Acts 4:10,12

<sup>2</sup> For more information, see [http://www.lifewaystores.com/lwstore/jesus\\_musical.asp](http://www.lifewaystores.com/lwstore/jesus_musical.asp)