Last Things First

The Bible for Grown-ups March 7, 2021

Notes:

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

If you had the chance to read the personal journal of someone whose life has influenced yours, who would you choose? Why would their stories and ideas be meaningful to you?

How were you first introduced to the Bible? What people and ideas do you associate with that time in your life?

1. Read Luke 1:1-4.

Luke was a first century Greek doctor who documented the life of Jesus. Why do you think it was unusual in ancient times for many people to write about an event?

How does Luke describe his purpose in documenting Jesus' life?

It's likely that you know someone who has walked away from their faith because of something in the Bible. Or perhaps you have struggled or had doubts of your own, because of something you've read in the Bible. What is "it" – that thing that you or they struggle to accept or believe?

2. Read John 20:30-31.

What does John say is the only thing that matters?

How does John describe his purpose for writing?

What do you think John meant by the phrase "have life in his name?"

If John's account of Jesus' life was all you had, what would change about how you approach Jesus and the way you encourage others to move toward Him?