

MEMORANDUM

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From: Bill Stroop

RE: Study Questions for “*What Do Christians’ Really Believe?*” on Sunday, April 6

The topic for next week will be Jesus – specifically the Jesus before the crucifixion. You might find it very helpful to reread the Gospel of Mark *and* either Matthew, Luke, or John. We will use these texts as the basis of our discussion.

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