

Handout 4-C

Jesus, the Paschal Mystery, and You

Answer all of the following questions thoroughly and honestly. You will have an opportunity to share some of your responses with a partner; however, you will decide what you would like to share and what you would like to remain private.

1. The Student Text describes Jesus as a “sign of contradiction” and gives several examples of this phenomenon. Is this portrayal of Jesus appealing to you? Why or why not?
2. If you had to decide today whether you are for Jesus or against him (without the option of being “in the middle” or “undecided”), which side would you choose to be on? Why?
3. What experience(s) have you had in your own life of the Paschal Mystery—that is, of suffering that leads to new life and hope?
4. We are now almost halfway through this course on “Encountering Jesus in the New Testament.” What is the more important insight you have gained into Jesus Christ since this course began? What is the most pressing question you have about Jesus that you hope to explore in the remainder of this course?
5. Write something interesting that you heard from your partner.