

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS – WEEK 24

1. **What is happening in Jerusalem at the beginning of the Book of Ezra? What is significant about this period of Israel's history?**

2. **Who is Ezra? What is he sent to do in Jerusalem? Who sends him? Why? What is the major issue or conflict Ezra encounters in Jerusalem? Why is it a problem? What is the solution?**

3. **Who is Nehemiah? What is he sent to do in Jerusalem? Who sends him? Why? What trouble does Nehemiah run into while trying to complete his task? How does he overcome this problem?**

4. **In your own words, explain what is being recited by the Israelites in Nehemiah 9? Why are they reciting it? What purpose does it serve?**

5. **At the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene mistakes the risen Christ for a gardener. How does Jesus finally reveal himself to her? The disciples also fail to recognize Jesus on the beach. How is Jesus revealed to them? What do these stories tell us about how Christ will be revealed to the world after the resurrection?**

6. **In the final chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus has an interesting exchange with Simon Peter. What question does Jesus ask Peter? What is Peter's response? What does Jesus ask Peter to do? How do you interpret Jesus' response to Peter? What is Peter supposed to do? How is he supposed to do it? Does this commandment apply to us? Why or why not?**

7. **Who is the author of the Book of Acts? How do we know? What story is the author telling in Acts?**

8. **What happened to the disciples on Pentecost? Why? Why do we continue to celebrate Pentecost today? What does it signify?**