



The Resurrection and the Life (John 11)

Questions: Week Eleven

The Death of Lazarus - [John 11:1-16](#)

Topics: [Believe](#), [Challenge](#), [Circumstances](#), [Darkness](#), [Death](#), [Glory](#), [God](#),
[God's Will](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Light](#), [Mission](#), [Mourning](#), [Sickness](#), [Sin](#)

Open It

1. What polite phrases do we use to describe death?
2. *When has someone you've known died unexpectedly?

Explore It

3. What was wrong with Lazarus? ([11:1](#))
4. To whom was Lazarus related? ([11:2](#))
5. How did Jesus get word about Lazarus? ([11:3](#))
6. *Why did Jesus say Lazarus was sick? ([11:4](#))
7. What did Jesus do when He heard about Lazarus? ([11:6](#))
8. Why did Jesus' disciples respond negatively to Jesus' plan to return to Judea? ([11:7-8](#))
9. How did Jesus answer His disciples' hesitancy about returning to Judea? ([11:9-10](#))
10. What did Jesus say had happened to Lazarus? ([11:11](#))
11. *How did the disciples misunderstand Jesus? ([11:12](#))
12. What did Jesus mean when he used the word "sleeping"? ([11:13-14](#))
13. *Why did Jesus say that He was glad He wasn't with Lazarus? ([11:15](#))
14. What melancholic suggestion did Thomas make? ([11:16](#))

Get It

15. How would you respond if you heard that a good friend was very sick?
16. *When have you thought you had a better plan for your life than the one God was working out?
17. In what way has God used sickness in your life or the life of another to bring someone to Himself?
18. Why would God choose to use sickness to bring someone to Himself?
19. What shortcoming or disability in your life has God chosen to use to draw others to Himself?
20. *How would you respond differently from the way Jesus did if you heard that a good friend had died?
21. When have you felt that you had to perform a task regardless of the obstacles in your path?
22. What gave you the confidence to pursue a hard task that others strongly opposed?
23. When have you felt misunderstood by your friends or family?

Apply It

24. To what unfulfilled task that God has given you will you recommit yourself today?
25. *What shortcomings or weaknesses in your life will you give to God in prayer, that He may use them to bring glory to Himself?

Jesus Comforts the Sisters - [John 11:17-37](#)

Topics: [Anger](#), [Believe](#), [Circumstances](#), [Comfortable](#), [Confidence](#), [Death](#), [Delay](#), [Discouragement](#), [Eternal Life](#), [Example](#), [Faith](#), [God](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Ministry](#), [Mourning](#), [Resurrection](#), [Salvation](#), [Sorrow](#)

Open It

1. *What is one of your greatest disappointments in life?
2. In what different ways do people respond when a loved one dies?

Explore It

3. What did Jesus find when He arrived at Bethany? ([11:17](#))
4. What did Mary and Martha do when they heard that Jesus was coming? ([11:20](#))
5. *What did Martha say to Jesus about His having come after Lazarus had died? ([11:21-22](#))
6. What did Jesus tell Martha Lazarus would do? ([11:23](#))
7. How did Martha misunderstand Jesus? ([11:24](#))
8. What did Martha and the others learn about Jesus' identity? ([11:25](#))
9. *What did Jesus say would happen to those who believed in Him? ([11:26](#))
10. What belief did Martha express to Jesus? ([11:27](#))
11. What did Martha tell Mary? ([11:28](#))
12. What did Mary do after Martha told her Jesus was asking for her? ([11:29](#))
13. Where did the Jews think Mary was going? ([11:30-31](#))
14. How did Mary respond when she saw Jesus? ([11:32](#))
15. What did Mary say to Jesus when He finally arrived? ([11:32](#))
16. *How did Jesus respond to the weeping by Mary and the others? ([11:33-35](#))
17. What question did some people have about what Jesus could have done? ([11:37](#))

Get It

18. When has God's response to your situation in life seemed untimely?
19. In what way do we sometimes second-guess God?
20. *When do we tend to second-guess God?
21. How and when has God disappointed you?
22. Why are we sometimes disappointed by God?
23. *How should we respond to disappointment?
24. When has God given you comfort in the middle of a sad time of life?
25. In what way is Jesus' response to Lazarus's death a model for us to follow?

Apply It

26. *What attitude of disappointment do you need to confess to God and change to trust in His sovereign control?
27. How can you be a comfort to a struggling or hurting believer this week?

Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead - [John 11:38-44](#)

Topics: [Believe](#), [Death](#), [Doubt](#), [Glory](#), [God](#), [God's Will](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Miracles](#), [Mourning](#), [New Life](#), [Resurrection](#), [Sorrow](#)

Open It

1. What do the people you know fear most in life?
2. *What sort of miracle would be the most spectacular to witness?

Explore It

3. How did Jesus feel when He went to Lazarus's tomb? ([11:38](#))
4. In what type of tomb was Lazarus buried? ([11:38](#))
5. *What did Jesus tell the others to do? ([11:39](#))
6. How did Martha respond to Jesus' request? ([11:39](#))
7. *How did Jesus show Martha the importance of her belief? ([11:40](#))
8. What did Jesus do before He called to Lazarus? ([11:41-42](#))
9. What did Jesus say to the Father? Why? ([11:41-42](#))
10. *How did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? ([11:43-44](#))
11. What did Lazarus do when Jesus called to him? ([11:44](#))
12. What did Jesus tell the people to do? ([11:44](#))

Get It

13. When have you been deeply moved?
14. Under what circumstances have you doubted the power of God?
15. *When have you had faith in God's ability to work out an impossible situation?
16. *What is one miracle God has done in your life?
17. How does God show His glory to us?
18. In what way has God shown His glory to you?
19. In what way has God "raised you from the dead"?
20. If you had been there when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, how do you think you might have responded?

Apply It

21. *What specific situation do you need to trust God to work out in your life?
22. For what "miracle" do you want to thank God today?
23. What can you do today so that others might believe in Jesus?

The Plot to Kill Jesus - [John 11:45-57](#)

Topics: [Ambition](#), [Believe](#), [Christianity](#), [Church](#), [Deceit](#), [Hypocrisy](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Leadership](#), [Ministry](#), [Miracles](#), [Motives](#), [Power](#), [Prophecy](#), [Religion](#), [Self-centeredness](#), [Self-righteousness](#), [Unbelievers](#)

Open It

1. Without naming names, who is the most dishonest and self-serving person you've ever known?
2. *What examples of selfishness do you see in a typical day?
3. How do you deal with problem people in your life?

Explore It

4. How did many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary respond to Jesus' miracle? ([11:45](#))
5. Who was told about Jesus' miracle? ([11:46](#))
6. *What did the Sanhedrin fear? ([11:47-48](#))
7. What did Caiaphas say about Jesus? ([11:49-50](#))
8. *How did Caiaphas prophesy? ([11:51-52](#))
9. What did the Jewish leaders of the Sanhedrin plot to do? ([11:53](#))
10. How did Jesus respond to the Sanhedrin's plot? ([11:54](#))
11. Why did many people go to Jerusalem? ([11:55](#))
12. For whom did the people in Jerusalem look? ([11:56](#))
13. *What orders had the chief priests and Pharisees given to the people? ([11:57](#))

Get It

14. *What motive other than ministry might people have for engaging in Christian service?
15. What personal ambitions might subvert the goal of serving God and others in Christian organizations?
16. When have you intentionally or unintentionally used the church to pursue your own agenda?
17. *Why is it so difficult to have pure and selfless motives in life?
18. How do you respond when your goals and your motives conflict with one another?
19. How might Christianity be challenged or threatened by Jesus if He were to come back today?

Apply It

20. How would you tell a self-centered person the gospel message?
21. *What self-centered motive will you ask God to help you change?