

3. An Impossible Resurrection

Read John 11: 38-44

What command did Jesus give in v.39?

What were the concerns of the people regarding Jesus command?

What does this say about the people's faith, that they rolled away the stone?

Reflect on Jesus' prayer in v.41-42. Regarding the current situation, what do you notice about what He did pray, and what He didn't pray?

What can we learn about Jesus in this act of raising Lazarus from the dead?

The following statement was made in today's sermon:

"Trust Jesus in spite of all apparent evidence to the contrary"

Do you agree, or disagree? What does that mean for your personal life?

Finish by praying for each other. That this story would help us to trust Jesus in all circumstances, that we would know Him walking with us, not only in the good times, but also in the dark times.



A Light in the Darkness

The Gospel of John

Growth Group Study Guide

Week 7

26 March 2023

"Lazarus"

John 11: 1-44

Series Overview:

In this ten week series, we will look at a Gospel book that is quite different to the other three Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). John wrote this book much later than the other writers, and used a different technique and style. We will reflect on passages and stories that are unique to this Gospel, and seek to capture the passion and desire of the author. John primarily wrote this letter so that the readers would believe in Christ, who he describes as a Light in the Darkness. May the Light of Christ shine into our lives as we spend time in this book, and help us to believe in the One who came to bring life in all of its abundance.

This week's sermon was broken into three sections.

1. A Delayed Response.

Read John 11: 1-8, 14-16

What do we know about Lazarus, Martha and Mary? (Check out Luke 10: 38-42, and John 12: 2-3)

Why does Jesus say, "This sickness will not end in death" (John 11:4) and then let Lazarus die?

Why did Jesus stay "two more days" (John 11:6) before leaving for Lazarus, who was sick, especially since He "loved" (John 11:5) him?

What does Jesus mean by John 11:9-10?

The following statement was made in today's sermon:

"When you pray and God does not seem to answer, He has something greater in mind than you do"

Do you agree, or disagree? What does that mean for your personal life?

2. The Sisters

Read John 11: 20-27, 32-37

What do we know about the personalities of Martha and Mary? Can we relate more to one or the other?

In John 11: 21, what emotions do we see in Martha? How would you react if you were in the same situation?

How much faith does Martha have in v.22?

What does Jesus mean by, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25)?

What is Martha's answer to Jesus' question, "Do you believe this" (John 11:26)?

We read that when Mary and others joined Martha with Jesus, He wept. Why do you think Jesus crying is important?

The following statement was made in today's sermon:

"It's okay to grieve, to struggle, to feel loss. Jesus joins us in our grief, even at our darkest times"

Do you agree, or disagree? What does that mean for your personal life?