

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Fall Series: "Nobody but Jesus"- Studies in John's Good News about Jesus



"Understanding Jesus' Power"
John 11:17-43

Do you have a "Lazarus moment" in your life?

Read John 11:5,6. John says, "Jesus loved Martha, Mary and Lazarus," and yet he waited two days to see them. When have you felt God has been late in meeting you in your need? How did you respond?

Read John 11:20. Martha goes out to meet Jesus. What would you have said to Jesus? How does it compare to Martha's response?

In John 11:27, Martha makes a confession of faith in the shadow of the death of her brother. What confession do we tend to make when we think God has not been there for me?

Memory verse, John 11:35, "Jesus wept." How does Jesus weeping over this death help me understand the depth of God's love in the pains of my life?

In John 11:38, on arriving at the tomb, Jesus tells them to "Take away the stone." He could have moved it himself as he was about to raise someone from the dead. What steps might God be asking me to take to be a part of the prayer I am asking him to fulfill?

John 11:25- "I am the resurrection and the life." How do you need to experience the resurrection and life Jesus promises in your life? To whom can you bring life?"

After Lazarus walks out of the tomb Jesus commands, "Take off the grave clothes." Are there things in my life that I need to strip away that I am holding onto, even after Jesus has given me new life and hope?

"PRAY FOR ONE"- For whom does God place on my heart to pray for an intentional opportunity to intentionally share the good news of Jesus? Will I commit to pray along those lines between now and the end of the year? Who will pray with me?

Next Week: First Sunday of Advent- "Searching for the Wonder of Christmas"
New Series: CHRISTMAS SEASON 2020 "Searching for Christmas"

*****SEE BELOW FOR THIS WEEK'S STUDY QUESTIONS*****

JOHN 11

If a friend dies, how would you comfort his or her family and friends?

Read John 11:1-16.

- Why do you think Jesus delayed going to Lazarus?
- The disciples question whether it's wise to return to Judea (verses 7-8). How does Jesus respond to them in verse 11?
- If you were one of the twelve, how would you respond to Jesus' statement?
- What do you think Jesus means by saying the event was intended for their belief?
- How would you describe Thomas' state of mind in verse 16?
- Why do you think he was feeling this way?

Read John 11:17-50.

- What can Jesus' assertion that "I am the resurrection and the life" mean to us?

- What must happen before someone can share in this promise?
- Since Jesus knew that he would soon raise Lazarus from the dead, why do you think He wept?
- Describe the different reactions to this miracle in verses 45-50.
- Why do you think some people rejected Christ after this supernatural event?
- Do people give the same reasons for rejecting Christ today?
- Whom do you most identify with in this group:

Mary and Martha the believing Jews the unbelieving Jews

- How important to you is the hope of an afterlife?