



Jesus through the eyes of His followers

WEEK 6 - THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

OVERVIEW

In the days leading up to his crucifixion, Jesus accomplishes one of his most spectacular miracles: the raising of his friend Lazarus from the dead. Although we often talk about the moment of the miracle itself, in this message we will focus on the words and reactions of Jesus' disciples throughout the experience. What they see and say gives us fresh insight into the person of Christ and what it means to follow a savior with power over the grave.

Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"
John 11:43-44

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever felt like God was ignoring you, even when you did everything right? Please explain.
2. Read [John 11:1-44](#).
 - a. Why do you think Jesus didn't go immediately to heal Lazarus?
 - b. How do you think the disciples were feeling when Jesus didn't go? How were Mary and Martha feeling?
 - c. How did the disciples try to come up with an easy answer?
 - d. Describe Thomas' response in [verse 16](#).
3. What would it look like for us to be more like Thomas?
4. Why do you think John mentioned that Jesus wept in [verse 35](#)?
5. How does Jesus prove that he has power even over the nonsense?
6. What can we learn from the example of the disciples in this story?
7. Where do you find hope in this story? (see also [Jeremiah 29:11](#))
8. Questions to help us engage our hearts and minds each week of this series: Share your responses with your group.
 - a. **How do I relate to the disciples?** What part of their story do you relate to? Do you see any part of yourself in them? Can you relate to the way they react to certain things? Do you identify with them in any way?
 - b. **How did I encounter Jesus?**
 - c. **What is God's invitation to me today?**

RESOURCES

Watch *The Chosen*, free online, [here](#).