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INTRODUCTION

Part 7 - Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

One of Jesus' closest friends, John, witnessed Jesus perform dozens, if not hundreds, of miracles. When he penned the Gospel of John, he only chose seven of them to highlight who Jesus was (and is!) and the difference he can make in our lives.

Join us for this new series as we focus on how amazing Jesus is, and consider what he is capable of in our lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Would you agree that our generation is facing more hopelessness and discouragement than previous generations in America? Explain your answer. How are things different and how are things the same between generations?
2. Read John 20:30-31. Of the seven miracles Jesus performed in the Gospel of John, which are the most amazing to you: turning water into wine, healing the official's son, the healing at the Pool of Bethesda, the feeding of the 5000, the walking on water, the healing of a man born blind, or the raising of Lazarus from the dead?
3. Considering these miracles, what does each unique miracle reveal about Jesus?
4. Read John 11:1-6. Why is it important that we remember that Jesus loves us when we are going through a difficult time? How was Jesus' delay an act of love? Can you think of a difficult time where you experienced the love of Christ?
5. Read John 11:17-20 and John 11:25-27. What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "I am the resurrection and the life?" Read John 1:1-5. How do these verses relate to Jesus' claim in verses 25-27?
6. Would you agree with the statement that if Jesus can conquer death, there is no problem too great for him to handle? Explain your answer.
7. Why do you think we have trouble trusting in Jesus when we are facing difficult times? What are some things that we can do to strengthen our faith?
8. Read John 11:39-40 and John 11:43-44. What effect might it have had on your life if you experienced a miracle such as this? Read verses 45-50. How are the different responses to this miracle similar to how people today respond to Jesus?
9. How should Jesus' claim that he is the resurrection and the life impact our daily lives? How might you apply this lesson to your life?

APPLICATION

Life is a collection of unplanned events. Every person, at one time or another, has dealt with hardships or situations that seem impossible to fix. Sometimes things go your way, and you feel in control of your life. You're certain that He is there for you, listening to your needs, and understands what you want. At other times, life doesn't go as planned, and you find yourself questioning your trust in Him, and wondering why He hasn't come through for you.

When life's problems make you feel disappointed, frustrated, stressed, or alone, it may seem difficult to make Jesus the object of our trust. However, that is a crucial time of your life to believe that He has a plan for you, and to trust in Him no matter how hopeless we may feel.

Jesus wants to be a part of our lives. When we face situations that seem impossible, He wants us to know that we can always turn to Him to fix it - even if it may take longer than we want. He is our hope, our strength, and is always in control. If we have Jesus, we have hope.

KEY VERSES

John 20:30-31
John 11:1-6

John 11:17-50
John 3:16

John 1:1-5
Romans 5:17