

30 October

 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Gospel of John – week 24



Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member how Jesus Christ defeated and conquered death?
2. How do we know that Jesus loved Lazarus?
(v.3; So, the sisters sent to Him, saying; "Lord, he whom you love is ill.")
3. What does v.14; tell us about Lazarus?
(v.14; Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died...")
4. According to v.17, how many days was Lazarus in the tomb?
(v.17; ...Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.)



Let's go deeper

5. What promise did Jesus give Martha in v.25? **(I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.)**
6. How did Martha respond to Jesus' question; "do you believe," in v.26? **("Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God...")**
7. How did Mary respond to Jesus in v.32? **(She fell at His feet.)**
8. How did Jesus rise Lazarus back to life in v.43?
(Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out.")
9. What did the council plan to do to Jesus in v.53? **(Put Him to death.)**



Let's apply this

- 10. John 10:25;** I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.
- Jesus loved Lazarus, Mary, and Martha – He loves you.
 - Jesus is more powerful than death – you can trust Him.
 - Jesus is God – you can worship and follow Him.
 - Jesus is alive – you can pray and talk to Him.
 - Jesus was friends with Lazarus, Mary, and Martha – He wants to be your friend.
 - Jesus asked Martha; "do you believe this?" – do you believe?

SUMMARY:

Gospel of John: Week 24 (I AM the resurrection and the life).

Read: John 11:1 – 57.

v.1 – 3; Jesus are friends with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, two sisters and a brother. Jesus loves them dearly. Jesus is a traveling teacher, and we find in **Luke 10:38**, that He would often go to Mary and Martha's house and they practiced hospitality.

v.4 – 15; Ancient Roman and Jewish calendars divided a day into two 12-hour sections. Jesus is saying, "When it is light, you are supposed to work; when it is dark, then you rest. While I am in the world, it is light. There's work to be done. The Father has given me work to finish."

v.16 – 19; It was customary in a Jewish funeral for all the friends and family to visit, and to have upwards of a week of mourning, weeping, and grief. Mary and Martha's home is filled with all these loved ones who have come to mourn with them.

v.20 – 24; Martha has great faith in Jesus, and says to Him; "whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Martha has faith for the future by saying that she knows her brother will be resurrected on the last day. Resurrection was a big debated topic in that day with the Pharisees who believed in resurrection, and the Sadducees who did not believe in the resurrection.

v.25 – 31; Jesus refocuses Martha's attention on Himself, and asks her; "do you believe this?" Martha responds with great faith; "yes Lord; I believe..."

v.32 – 34; When Mary sees Jesus she falls at His feet in worship. Mary had faith for yesterday; "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

v.35 – 38; Jesus deeply loved Lazarus (and us). Lazarus's tomb indicates that potentially they were wealthy.

v.39 – 44; Ancient Jews believed that when a person dies, their spirit hovers over the person for three days, and can return to the person. By raising Lazarus after four days Jesus demonstrates His power over death. By praying to His Father, Jesus wants the people to know that His work was commissioned and empowered by the Father, and that He and the Father works together.

v.45 – 57; After this incredible miracle, some people believed in Jesus and others rejected Him. The religious leaders agreed to make plans to put Jesus to death.

1 Corinthians 15:1 – 8; is a great passage to minister to people the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and that Jesus appeared to many people after His resurrection.