

LIFE APP

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John 11:1-7 NIV: A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha. This is the Mary who later poured the expensive perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair. Her brother, Lazarus, was sick. So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick." But when Jesus heard about it he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this." So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, he stayed where he was for the next two days. Finally, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea."

LIFE GROUP / PERSONAL STUDY:

We've been learning about the 7 miraculous signs that John wrote about to prove that Jesus was and is the Son of God. Only God could do these amazing things and the miracle we're studying this week was the most amazing of all. The setting for this miracle was the home of His very good friends Lazarus, Mary, and Martha. He had stayed with them often and they knew Him personally, and were committed followers. However, they encountered a huge problem and needed His help. There are many lessons that we can learn from their experience as their faith grew even deeper through this very difficult but miraculous situation.

1A) According to John 11:1-2, what was the problem and what additional details are we given about the relationship Jesus had with these people?

1B) How did this family try to deal with their problem? Verse 3

2A) PERSONAL: What do you find interesting about the way Jesus responded? Verses 4-7

2B) Was this the expected response?

2C) PERSONAL: How do you think Mary and Martha must have felt?

Read John 11:11-15:

3A) How can we tell that the Disciples were confused by this situation? Verses 11-13

3B) What did Jesus plainly tell them and what purpose did He say would be accomplished? Verses 14-15

Read John 11:17-27:

4A) What added details about this situation are we given in verses 17-19?

4B) Describe the conversation between Martha and Jesus.

4C) What did Jesus reveal to her specifically in verses 25-26?

5A) PERSONAL: People of that day and in that culture believed that a person's spirit hovered around the body of a physically dead person for 3 days. Why do you think Jesus delayed His miraculous provision?

5B) How did Mary respond to Jesus? John 11:32

Read John 11:33-44:

6) Describe the miracle - the people involved and their various attitudes.

7A) According to John 11:45 what happened as a result of this miracle?

7B) PERSONAL: How do you think this miracle is proof that Jesus is the Son of God?

Read John 11:46-54:

8) What other results came because of this particular miraculous sign?

ACT: By raising Lazarus from the dead - in the tomb 4 days dead - Jesus proved to everyone that He had power over life and death. He told Martha that He is the Resurrection and the Life and then proceeded to prove it by His actions. Lazarus literally became a walking testimony and many people came to believe in Jesus because they were able to see the resurrected Lazarus. The disciples didn't understand it yet, but this miracle should have prepared them for the amazing resurrection of Jesus which would take place very soon. We may all have situations in our lives where God hasn't shown up the way we wanted or expected, but we can always trust that God has a plan and a purpose and that we will see His Glory if we will only believe.

Daily Devotional: It always helps to look at the context of the passage. Then try to answer the following questions about the passage. Who is involved? What is going on? Where is the action taking place? When? How can this concept apply to my life? Why is it important? Also look for Commands, Warnings, and Examples to follow or not to follow.

- This week let's explore passages that reveal important points about the Resurrection from the dead.

Monday:

Acts 2:31-32 NLT

David was looking into the future and speaking of the Messiah's resurrection. He was saying that God would not leave him among the dead or allow his body to rot in the grave.

Tuesday:

1 Corinthians 15:42 NLT

It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever.

Wednesday:

Philippians 3:10-11 NIV

I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

Thursday:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 NLT

And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

Friday:

2 Timothy 2:18 NLT

This kind of talk spreads like cancer, as in the case of Hymenaeus and Philetus. They have left the path of truth, claiming that the resurrection of the dead has already occurred; in this way, they have turned some people away from the faith. But God's truth stands firm like a foundation stone with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and "All who belong to the Lord must turn away from evil."

Saturday:

1 Peter 3:21 NIV

And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Sunday:

Revelation 20:5-6 NLT

This is the first resurrection. (The rest of the dead did not come back to life until the thousand years had ended.) Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years.

