

Seven: Resurrection of Lazarus

Sermon Discussion Guide 4.6.25

Signs point the way. They direct us, warn us and inform us. Signs make clear what we cannot see. During His ministry, the Gospel of John tells us that Jesus performed 7 signs that were designed to reveal His identity as the Messiah. With each sign we are confronted with the truth about Jesus; and with each sign we are asked to make a decision about His identity and His work on the cross for us: will we believe?

Big Picture:

- Jesus' 7th sign reveals that Jesus has come to bring life and conquer death. He alone brings resurrection where there is death.

Getting Started

- How have you seen God at work in your life this week?

Search the Scriptures

Have someone (or multiple people) read through the passage of **John 11:1-44**.

- What stuck out to you in this passage? What questions sprang up as you read?
- Why does Jesus stay 2 extra days where he was knowing that Lazarus was sick and dying?
- What is Martha's reaction to Jesus finally arriving?
 - What sticks out to you about her and Jesus' interaction? (vs. 17-27)
- Jesus knows He's going to raise Lazarus but still weeps for him. Why?
- What does this passage teach us about Jesus?

Getting Practical

- This sign proves that Jesus brings life now. What is something in your life that is broken and dead and needing resurrection?

- Have you ever had the reaction of Martha: “If only you had been here sooner Jesus,” – a moment you questioned God’s timing or care?
- How does this passage point us to the Gospel and grow our trust in Jesus?

Lent Questions (For participating groups):

1. Why are we so prone to believe that the world can satisfy our hearts?
2. What did you learn about Jesus or yourself this week as you read, prayed, fasted, and reflected?
3. How has Jesus specifically met the longings of your heart, soul, and mind? How have you experienced that “He is enough” for you?