

York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 6th September 2020

Jesus - The Gospel of John: Lazarus, Get Up!

John 11



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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GETTING STARTED

Q1. Have you ever had a dream that had you so excited that you couldn't stop thinking about it, only to have that passion crushed? What about a relationship, a job, an idea, or a hobby?

Q2. Today we look at the story of Lazarus and how, when God is in something, it's never dead, it's only sleeping, but there is work that needs to be done. Is there an area of your life that you knew God was a part of that is now not a priority? Why do you think that is?

John 10:10 says that we are to have life, and that this is found in Jesus. As we journey today in scripture, we know that at times death is painful, however, when we have Jesus with us, we also know that we have the light to shine into those hard places.

INTO THE WORD

Read John 10:31 and John 11:8

Q3. Jesus is obedient to God in waiting before going back to see his friend, but he is also heading towards danger. He knew that this was the beginning of his journey to the cross (John 11:45-57), yet his love is so great for his friends that he knowingly and willingly heads back towards those who will see him hang on a cross. What does this say about Jesus' love for Lazarus and his love for us?

Read John 11:17-37

Q4. We see Jesus' interaction with Lazarus' sisters in this passage, they show incredible faith in the midst of terrible heartache. What stands out to you about the sisters' faith? What does Jesus' challenge to Martha (verse 26) mean to you?

GOING DEEPER

Read John 11:38-44

Q5. This is a passage that shows that Jesus is the Messiah, but read through these few verses slowly and think of Jesus' own death and resurrection. What similarities do you see? (For those new to faith this is found in John 19:17-20:10, we will cover this in the coming weeks).

Q6. Jesus conquers death, not once (John 11) but once and for all (John 20:1-10). He calls out Lazarus from the dead and wants to call out to us also. Is there something in your life that you thought was dead, but you know Jesus wants for your life? He is calling you with the words "Dream... get up, relationship... get up, workplace... get up...". What do you need to do to be obedient to your Heavenly Father, to allow life to flow into an area of your world where there was once death?

Pray

Heavenly Father, we thank you that in you we have life, and life to the full. May we hear your call into those areas of our lives where there is death and you want new life. May we rise up, and dust ourselves off in those areas, and out of obedience and to glorify you, may we hear your voice and have the faith to respond. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.