

Gospel of John Bible Study

Chapter 11

Day One

1. What do we learn of Bethany from the following verses?

- Gospel of John Chapter 11, verse 18.
- Gospel of John Chapter 1, verses 19-28
- Gospel of Luke Chapter 19, verses 28-37
- Gospel of Matthew Chapter 26, verse 6
- Gospel of Matthew Chapter 21, verse 17
- Gospel of Luke Chapter 24, verses 50-51

2. Why was Lazarus sick?

3. What do verses 1-5 of Chapter 11 of the Gospel of John reveal about the character of Lazarus, Mary and Martha? Why do you think so?

Day Two

1. Why did Jesus wait 2 days before going to Bethany after he heard Lazarus was sick?

2. What does the disciples' reply to Jesus in verse 8 of Chapter 11 of the Gospel of John demonstrate?

3. What does Jesus mean in his response to the disciples in the Gospel of John, Chapter 11, verse 9?

Day Three

1. Compare Jesus' expectation of what was to happen when he returned to Judea to Thomas' expectation.

2. What is peculiar about Martha's response to Jesus' question in Chapter 11 verse 27 of the Gospel of John?

3. Here in Chapter 11 of the Gospel of John both Martha and Mary tell Jesus when they meet him "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." What did they not understand?

Day Four

1. Why do you think Jesus was so deeply moved when he knew Lazarus would be raised from the dead?

2. Why did Jesus speak to the Father before he raised Lazarus (see Chapter 11, verses 41-42, of the Gospel of John) and what did his speech imply?

3. Who else did Jesus raise from the dead? *Hint: it's kind of obvious*

Day Five

1. Why do we become so sorrowful when faced with the death of a loved one if we believe in eternal life?

2. What did the Pharisees not understand or wrongly presuppose (see the Gospel of John, Chapter 11, verses 45-57)?

3. Why did Caiaphas wish to kill Jesus as provided in the Gospel of John, Chapter 11, verses 49 and 50?

Day Six

1. Do you think Caiaphas understood he was prophesying? Why or why not?

2. What did Caiaphas himself not realize about the statement he made in Chapter 11, verse 50 of the Gospel of John: "*You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish*" or, what truth did his statement foreshadow?