

The Gospel of John – Lesson 8 Workbook

Jesus is More Powerful Than Death

John 11:1-16

1. What is wrong with Lazarus?

2. How can Jesus be sure that this illness won't kill Lazarus?

3. What do you think about the reason Jesus gives for this illness in verse 4?

4. What does verse 5 say about Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus?

5. Why do you think Jesus doesn't rush to help Lazarus?

6. Is what Jesus says in verse 15 cruel? Why or why not?

John 11:17-37

1. Per verse 17, how long had Lazarus been dead when Jesus arrived?

2. What is ironic about Martha's statement in verse 21?

3. Why do you think Jesus responds the way he does in verse 25?

4. Jesus knows how all this will end. So why do you think He weeps in verse 35 when He sees the misery that Lazarus' death has caused?

5. Does Martha's statement in verse 39 agree with her profession of faith in Jesus in verse 22?

6. How is what Jesus did with Lazarus different than what doctors do every day in hospitals around the world?

John 11:45-57

1. How do people react to Jesus' sign in these verses?

2. Did the authorities react favorably to the sign? What was their main concern?

3. Why is this seen as a bad thing to this group of people?

4. What did they set out to do from this point forward?

John 11:41-44 (Again)

1. What was Lazarus doing when Jesus, "with a loud voice," called out to him?

2. Why do you think John makes it a point that Jesus used "a loud voice" when calling out to Lazarus' corpse?

3. How did Lazarus' corpse react to Jesus' calling?

4. When Jesus calls us we also come roaring to life, spiritual life, and respond to His call by walking towards Him and eventually with Him. Lazarus in a sense had a second birth here; do you see why Jesus used the phrase "born again" in describing the conversion experience back in chapter 3?

Homework

- Memorize John 11:25-26
- Pray for those who are in a state spiritual blindness, that they will hear Jesus' call and respond by walking out of their spiritual tomb and towards Him.
- Pray also that God grants you the courage to speak up and tell others about what Jesus can and will do.