

Walking With Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life

Study Guide for Lesson Five—February 15, 2013

Day One:

“I am Resurrection and the Life”

This week we begin our third ‘trio’ of “I Ams”. Both this week and next Jesus uses the word “Life” to describe his name. Look up **John 11:25**. Underline it in your Bible, pull out your Memory Card and print it here:

Most of our Study Guide for these next four days will be spent on the 11th Chapter of John. Read **John 11:1-3, 5** and also **Luke 10:38-42**. List everything you learn about this family and their relationship to Jesus:

Read **John 11:4-6**. Imagine being John for a moment. How would you describe Jesus’ tone as he spoke?

We know what is about to happen to Lazarus, but they didn’t know. What action did Jesus decide to take after hearing the ladies request? (v.6)

How do you think the disciples (or John in particular) may have felt about Jesus’ decision to linger another two days after hearing the request from Mary and Martha?

“God is seldom early, but never late!”

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Day Two:

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Let's back up a little and find out where Jesus and the disciples are located when they had received word about Lazarus. Start by reading **John 10:40-42**. Now read **John 11:1-7 (and v.18)**. Record where Jesus was, where Lazarus lived and where Jesus is planning on going:

Read **John 11:7-16**. Danger awaited Jesus if He went to Judea (the region where Bethany was located). Jesus knew the next time He entered Jerusalem would be his last. Based on the danger that the disciples said awaited Jesus in Judea, what potential motive do you see in their comment (**v.12**) about Lazarus getting some sleep to help him 'get better'?

In **v. 15** what is Jesus' motive for going now?

Write out Jesus words from **v.15**:

Write out Jesus words from **John 9:3b** (story of the man born blind)

A man born blind and a man dying are events that cause all of us to shake our head in sorrow, but they especially tear apart the hearts of those who know and love them. What lesson can WE learn from Jesus words in both of these passages?

Are you facing a situation where something very bad is happening to someone you love (or you)? How can these passages bring comfort and hope to your life?



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Day Three:

Since our theme verse for this week was actually spoken to one woman—Martha, I want to spend today looking specifically at Martha and her actions and thoughts. On Day One we read about Mary and Martha from Luke 10. During that visit Jesus exhorted Martha to be more concerned with spiritual things than what needed to be accomplished. I'm certain that Martha loved Jesus—even then, and I believe we see changes and growth in her heart as a result of his exhortation.

Let's take a close look at Martha's actions and conversation with Jesus in **John 11:20-27**. Sometimes our faith grows and stretches one step at a time. Record what you observe of these steps of growth in Martha's faith in the following verses. In your own words, state what you see.

vs. 20—

vs. 21—

vs. 22—

vs. 23-24—

vs. 25-27—

Jesus asked Martha "Do you believe this?".
Jesus would ask each of us "Do you believe this?"

Read **1 Thess. 4:13-15**. List 3 things we can believe with confidence:

According to this same passage, how can our emotional base be different that the lost world around us because of this hope.

*"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for you are with me." Psalm 23:4*



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Day Four:

Read **John 11:17-37**. Record facts that you observe: actions/movement of people, thoughts/dialog, etc.

Combine **v. 35** along with **Hebrews 4:15**—describe a truth about the character of Jesus:

Read **John 11:38-44** mark each word "*believe*". If you read only Jesus' words, what would you say is HIS primary goal in raising Lazarus?

What do you think was the primary goal of Mary, Martha and their friends?

Oh, how we see and feel things so differently than God. Our feet seem to be planted so firmly in this world and we see things through a physical lens. If I were Martha or Mary...

...MY goal would have been to see my brother again.

...I'm sure my brother's goal would have been to stay in paradise :)

...Jesus' goal was that his people would KNOW that God sent him

Is it possible that God has a plan to use something uncomfortable that you are enduring right now for a greater good? We have learned that the Lord sometimes delays so that He might work even more powerfully in a situation that seems hopeless by human standards. Have you ever prayed and then had to wait for the Lord to work? Are you waiting right now? Could it be that the Lord desires to stretch your faith? Are you willing to trust Him?

Prepare to share with your group at least one way this portion of Scripture has impacted you as you have studied this week:

God Bless you Richly!

