

The Gospel According to John: That You May Believe

Lesson 17: The Death of Lazarus

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Review

Jesus is the Good Shepherd (guiding the flock) & the Door of the sheep (providing access to salvation). Both figures point to Jesus as our source of protection & security. Both remind that we are helpless sheep!

The Death of Lazarus (John 11:1-37)

► Explore It

1. Who was Lazarus and what happened to him? (11:1-3)
- * 2. What did Jesus say and do when He heard that Lazarus was sick? (11:4)
3. How did the disciples respond to Jesus' plan to return to Judea? (11:7-10)
4. What did Jesus say happened to Lazarus & what did the disciples think? (11:11)
5. What did Jesus mean when he used the word "sleeping"? (11:13-14)
- * 6. Why did Jesus say that He was glad He wasn't with Lazarus? (11:15)
7. What suggestion did Thomas make? (11:16)
8. What did Jesus find when He arrived at Bethany? (11:17)
9. What did Mary and Martha do when they heard that Jesus was coming? (11:20)
- * 10. What did Martha say to Jesus about coming after Lazarus had died? (11:21-22)
11. What did Jesus tell Martha Lazarus would do & how did she respond? (11:23-24)
12. What did Martha and the others learn about Jesus' identity? (11:25)
- * 13. What did Jesus say would happen to those who believed in Him? (11:26)
14. What belief did Martha express to Jesus? (11:27)
15. What did Mary do after Martha told her Jesus was asking for her? (11:28-29)
16. Where did the Jews think Mary was going? (11:30-31)
17. How did Mary act when she saw Jesus & how did He respond? (11:32-35)
18. What question did some people have about what Jesus could have done? (11:37)

► Get It

- * 19. What shortcoming or illness in your life has God used to draw others to Himself?
20. In what way do we sometimes second-guess God?

► Apply It

- * 21. What difficulties will you give to God in prayer for Him to bring glory to Himself?
 22. How can you be a comfort to a struggling or hurting believer this week?
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Related Questions

- * Why do you think that the story of Lazarus is told by John but not by any of the other gospel writers?
- * Tell about the personality differences of these two sisters. What differences do you see in their behavior?
- * How is Martha's comment (v. 24) both a statement limiting Jesus and an expression of deep faith & hope?
- * What are some implications of Jesus being the "the resurrection & the life"? How can people die, yet live?
- * What does the shortest verse in the Bible reveal about Jesus' humanity & relationship with this family?

Note: Study guides for this series of lessons are available on the Internet at www.howellfamily.us/john.htm