

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

John 11:1-44

Main Thought: In John 11:1-44, we discover how Jesus shows His love to us as the resurrection and the life.

1. JESUS DELAYS TO SHOW HIS _____ (vv 1-19)
 - 1) Mary, Martha, and the _____ of Lazarus
 - 2) The _____ ways of God
 - (1) This sickness will be used for God's _____ and love.
 - (2) Jesus _____!
 - (3) _____ before His appointed time.
2. _____ JESUS' LOVE (vv 20-37)
 - 1) _____ (vv 20-21)
 - 2) _____ (v 32)
 - 3) The _____ (vv 36-37)
3. JESUS _____
 - 1) With profound _____ about himself (vv 25-26)
"I am the resurrection and the life"
 - 2) With strong _____ from himself (v 32)
"Jesus wept"
 - 3) With powerful _____ by himself (vv 38-44)
"Lazarus, come out!"

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read John 11:1-44 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. How would you describe Jesus' relationship with this family? (vv 1-5)

8. Why does Jesus deliberately delay? (v 6) Have you ever felt like God was not listening when you prayed? How does the way in which Jesus postponed his response to the sisters' request help you in understanding your own prayer life?

9. Given his disciples objection to going back to Judea (v 8), what do you think Jesus means by his parable (vv 9-10)?

10. Why is Jesus returning to Lazarus at this particular time (vv 11-15)? What do the disciples fear instead (vv 8,16)?

11. How long had Lazarus been dead when Jesus arrived? How did Martha and Mary respond to Him? How did Jesus stretch Martha's faith with his statement in v 25?

12. Since Jesus knew he was going to raise Lazarus, how do you account for his weeping (v 33)?

13. How did Jesus perform this sign/miracle?

14. What is this sign/miracle meant to point us to?