

**NIV MEMORY VERSE: John 11:25,26****GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 11-1**

Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

**"JESUS, THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"****READ John 11:1-54**

1. What was a new thought to you from the last lesson?

**DAY 1 – READ John 11:1-16**

2. While John is the only gospel writer to include the story of Lazarus, this was not the first instance in which Jesus demonstrated His power over death.
  - a. What was the occasion in Mark 5:35-43?
  - b. What was the occasion in Luke 7:11-17?
  - c. What was the reference in Matthew 11:2-5?
3. "Jesus loved Martha and her sister (Mary) and Lazarus." (vs.5)
  - a. What message did Jesus receive from the sisters?
  - b. How did He respond?
  - c. Have you experienced or observed a time when illness or death has brought glory to God? Please share the circumstances.
4. Why did the disciples object when Jesus announced His decision to go to Judea?
5. In what way was Jesus . . .
  - a. . . . misunderstood by the disciples?
  - b. . . . glad He had been out of town?
  - c. . . . supported by Thomas?

**DAY 2 – READ John 11:17-27**

6. a. At every tragedy someone says, “If only . . .” What did Martha say?
    - b. Why do you think people experience disappointment in their expectations of Jesus?
    - c. How can disappointment bring spiritual growth?
  7. a. How did Martha . . .
    - . . . implore Christ’s intercession?
    - . . . express spiritual awareness?
    - . . . confess her faith?
  - b. How did Jesus . . .
    - . . . comfort Martha?
    - . . . turn her eyes from the future to the present?
  - c. (IN-DEPTH) Jesus lived on earth in the past and will come again in the future. Share some of your favorite Bible Scriptures that tell how He ministers to us in the present.
8. Remember 1 Peter 3:15. In witnessing you have been asked, “Will my physical body be resurrected, or just my soul?” What is your answer?

**DAY 3 – READ John 11:28-37**

9. Jesus personally encouraged Martha then called for Mary. How did Mary greet Jesus?
10. How important is it to have human comforters nearby when death strikes a family and what do you think are the duties of a comforter?
11. a. Share your observations of Jesus’ divine compassion.
  - b. Why do you think some people try to suppress their emotions?
12. Do you think verse 37 expresses faith or doubt? Why?

**DAY 4 – READ John 11:38-44**

13. In the story of the miracle . . .
  - a. Why did Martha object to Jesus' command?
  - b. Why did Jesus pray?
  - c. Why do you think Jesus called Lazarus by name?
14. Someone must have had the duty to "unwrap" Lazarus. Within the church there are persons who, though filled with new life from God, need to be unwrapped by loving friends. There are still strips of insecurity, self-consciousness, fear, hurt, and guilt that need to be peeled away to allow freedom of movement and action. To whom will you reach out this week and be an "unwrapper"? Are you willing to allow yourself to be "unwrapped" this week?

**DAY 5 – READ John 11:45-54**

15. What public reactions followed this miracle?
16. What did the Sanhedrin fear?
17. a. How did Caiaphas intend to solve the problem?
  - b. How did the gospel writer interpret him?
18. What did Jesus do in verse 54?

**GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 11-4**

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**LECTURE NOTES:**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**