

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, July 4, 2021

Passage: John 11:1-44

Memory Passage: John 11:25-26

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read John 11:1-44; John 12:1-3; Luke 10:38-42.** What do you learn about the personalities of both Mary and Martha from these texts?

(b) How would you describe the relationship between Jesus and this family? How does John's detail in verse 2 about Mary being the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped His feet with her hair add to your understanding of this relationship?

(c) It is interesting to note that John adds the detail about Mary wiping Jesus' feet with her hair here in chapter 11 before he writes about the actual event in chapter 12. What might have been his purpose for doing this?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read John 11:1-44.** Since the whole account in this passage focuses on the death and resurrection of Lazarus, how do you explain the fact that upon hearing that Lazarus was sick, Jesus makes the statement that his sickness would not "lead to" (ESV) or "end in" (NIV, CSB) death?

(b) According to Jesus, what was the purpose for Lazarus' illness? How does this compare with the account of the man who was born blind in **John 9:1-41**?

(c) Why do the disciples express reluctance at returning to Judea, and how does Jesus respond to them?

(d) What is the point of Jesus' statement in **verses 9-10**?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read John 11:1-44.** Why does Thomas suggest to the other disciples that they also go and die with Lazarus?

(b) What does the interaction between Jesus and Martha in **verses 20-27** tell us about the nature of Martha's faith?

(c) Explain the meaning of Jesus words in verses 25-26.

(d) How does Mary's response to Jesus' arrival compare to that of Martha?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read John 11:1-44.** Why was Jesus “deeply moved” (the Greek word could also be translated “indignant” or “angry”) and “troubled” in his spirit (v.33)?
- (b) Why did Jesus weep (v.35)?
- (c) How did the Jews respond to Jesus as He wept? What lessons can we learn from the fact that Jesus Himself experienced sorrow and grief over this event?
- (d) Can you recall a time when someone who was especially close to you died? What was the emotional impact in your own life?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read John 11:1-44.** In verse 38 we read that Jesus was once again “deeply moved” or “indignant.” Is Jesus deeply moved for the same reason(s) as in verse 33, or is this driven by something else?
- (b) What reasons does Jesus give regarding the purpose of both His words and the miracle itself in verses 40-42?
- (c) What practical implications can you and I draw from this miracle that will strengthen our faith and assist us in bringing glory to God in our lives today?

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