

A Journey through the Gospel of John

Theology of John's Gospel
The word came from heaven to accomplish His work
on earth so that we who are on earth can
have a home in heaven

"But these are written that you may believe that
Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,
and that by believing you may have life in His name."
~John 20:31

Gospel of John Ch. 11 : "Lazarus Awakens from a Premature Burial"

Opening Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for bringing us together in your name.
Bless our time together as we seek to be more like the image of Christ.
We know that your word is trustworthy and true. Open our hearts and minds to the wisdom of your word.
Let your truth guide our thoughts, words and actions daily so that we can share it with those we encounter.
We ask these things in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Study Guide Group Questions: John 11:1-57

- 1) Why didn't Jesus return immediately to Bethany upon hearing that Lazarus was sick? Instead, He waited two more days before going to see him (see verses 5-7).
- 2) What did Jesus mean when He told His disciples, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I'm going there to wake him up (see verse 11)?"

- 6) How can we come to understand from this passage that Jesus can and does relate to all of the trials and tribulations that we carry with us in this world?

- 7) Why did Jesus awaken Lazarus from his sleep (raise him from the dead)? Was this an important miracle? If so, why and what indications are there to tell us that it was an important miracle? Why were the Pharisee's so concerned that Jesus' miracle would take away both their temple and their nation (see verses 47-50)?

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Closing Prayer

May the LORD bless us and keep us.

May the LORD make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

May the LORD lift up His countenance towards us and give us His peace,

The kind of peace that can only come from the Prince of Peace,

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Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.