

The Gospel of John

That You May Believe

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Mortal(ity) Combat

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2. By Jesus' death, _____ is defeated and, in his resurrection, our _____ is found

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

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- ☐ Memorize John 11:35
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"After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you."²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied.³⁵ Jesus wept.³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.³⁹ "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

John 11:28-44

Man of Sorrows

1. Jesus can _____ our _____ and _____

2. Jesus _____ with us in our _____ and _____

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1. Jesus can handle our doubt and sorrow
2. Jesus stands with us in our pain and sorrow
Isaiah 53:3; Hebrews 4:15



Discussion Questions - Week #1

LIFE GROUPS

Welcome to the Fall Quarter of Life Groups!

This week we kick off our Fall Life Group Quarter. Your first meeting will include extended time for you to get to know the others in your group as well as time to discuss the Life Group Covenant. To prepare for your first meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below. Please don't feel like you need to answer all the questions!!! Have a great first meeting!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

One of the great parts of being in a Life Group is getting to know others better. Take a moment to jot down your answers to the questions below and be ready to share with your group.

- As you look back on the summer, share one or two highlights.
- What is your favorite thing to watch these days (On regular TV, Netflix or Hulu)?
- When it comes to food, most of us have a favorite place. What's your absolute favorite and what is your regular order?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In the message this weekend we looked at the resurrection of Lazarus. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul provides the most thorough New Testament reflections on the resurrection. Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 together. What stands out to you?

How does Paul's discussion of the resurrection contrast with the way our culture thinks about and deals with death?

How does Jesus' death change the relationship you have with death?

How should the promise of resurrection impact how we live?

In verse 58, Paul encourages "Always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." What do you think it looks like to give yourself fully to the Lord's work?

2. One of the main points in the story of Jesus raising Lazarus is his unmistakable care and comfort for those he loves. In 2 Corinthians 1:3-11, the Apostle Paul discusses his experience of God's comfort through Christ and the resultant calling to pass it on. How have you practically experienced God's comfort in times of trouble?

What lessons do you think Paul wants the Corinthians to learn from his and his co-laborers' experience in the province of Asia?

How do you trust God amid suffering when you don't understand it?

Do you think non-believers and believers should experience suffering differently? If so, how?

Can you think of any examples where you have been able to use the suffering you've endured to bring comfort to another?

FOR PRACTICE

John 17:3 says, "Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." Eternal life is thus defined as relational intimacy with our triune God. Prayer is one of the most significant means for cultivating such intimacy on this side of the resurrection. Take some time this week to reflect on your habit of prayer. Does it foster intimacy with God? If not, consider setting aside a few times this week, not for petitionary prayer or intercession, but merely to recognize Christ's presence and give Him room to speak.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for ERBC and the churches in the Eagle Rock area to embrace our calling to reach our community with the good news of the gospel. Pray for passionate witnesses, open doors to share, and receptive hearts and minds in those to whom we witness.