

## C3 LEADERS QUESTIONS

S2021-WEEK 10

4/4/21

### Getting Started with a Warm-Up:

- Did anyone you invited to the Easter service show up?
- Did you meet anyone new at the Easter service?
- What part of the service was the greatest blessing to you personally?

### Getting Down to Business:

The following questions are following this format: Scripture/Observation, Application, and Prayer (SOAP).

#### 1) Scripture/Observation:

Read John 11:1-25 (Below is an excerpt from the Bible Panorama commentary that you can access by following the link after the excerpt.)

Why did Jesus delay going to see Lazarus when he was sick? (Hint: vv. 4 & 14)

When Jesus told Martha that her brother would rise again what did she think he was referring to? (v. 24)

When Jesus says that he is the resurrection and the life, isn't that like saying the same thing twice just in a different way? (saying he is the resurrection is to say that he could restore life and he can do this because he is the source of life)

Read John 11:26-44 (Below is an excerpt from the Bible Panorama commentary that you can access by following the link after the excerpt.)

Compare what Mary said to Jesus (v. 32) with what Martha said to Jesus (v. 21). What do their statements reveal that they believe about Jesus?

Verse 33 says that "deep anger welled up within" Jesus. Why?

Verse 35 is one of the shortest verses in the Bible and gives us a glimpse into the emotions of Jesus. What was it that caused Jesus to cry?

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Jesus commanded Lazarus to come out of the grave. Why do you think he shouted the command? (v. 43)

Read John 11:45.

It says that “many” believed when they saw this amazing miracle. Why do you think it was just “many” and not all? (Below is an excerpt from the Bible Panorama commentary that you can access by following the link after the excerpt.)

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The Bible Panorama commentary

V 1–10: FAMILY FRIEND - Jesus is the family friend of Mary and Martha and their brother, Lazarus. Mary will soon anoint Jesus in a truly memorable way. Hearing that Lazarus is sick, Jesus delays for two more days before going to see him, after He knows he has died. He says that God will be glorified by this sickness which is not ‘unto death’. Then, in spite of the fact that the Jews are seeking to stone Him, He determines to go to Bethany.

V 11–15: PARTICULAR PURPOSE - The purpose in waiting is so that the disciples will see Jesus wake him from the dead, and believe in Him.

V 16: DETERMINED DISCIPLE - Thomas, knowing that death will await Jesus in Jerusalem, encourages the other disciples to go and die with Jesus.

V 17–27: RESURRECTION REALITY - Martha tells Jesus that Lazarus would not have died, if Jesus had been there. Nevertheless she believes that Jesus can act now, even though Lazarus has been in the tomb for four days. When Jesus says that Lazarus will rise again, she thinks Jesus is talking about the resurrection in the last days, but Jesus reveals that anyone believing in Him now receives a new resurrection life and will never suffer eternal death. Martha confirms her belief in Jesus as Christ and the Son of God.

V 28–32: DISAPPOINTED DESPAIR - Martha secretly calls Mary and tells her that Jesus is calling for her. Followed by the Jews she comes to Jesus and repeats Martha’s earlier comment that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. There is no conversation about resurrection with Mary, however.

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V 33–39: SADDENED SAVIOUR - Jesus weeps when He sees Mary and the Jews weeping. As well as sympathy, this is probably caused by the lost-ness of the unbelievers around Him. Groaning in Himself, Jesus comes to the cave and commands the sealing stone to be moved. Mary protests that, after four days, there will be a stench from her brother's corpse.

V 40–44: MIGHTY MIRACLE - Jesus says God will be glorified and prays to His Father. He commands Lazarus to come out, and Lazarus is raised from the dead. His disciples are told to unwrap the grave clothes.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+11&version=NLT>

### **2) Application:**

How does Jesus proclamation that he is the resurrection and the life affect the way you live?

### **3) Prayer:**

Take time as a group to thank Jesus for the salvation that we have as the result of his death and resurrection.