

Word on Wednesday Bible Study

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All Signs Point to Jesus: The Sign of His Power Over Death

“The Resurrection and the Life” John 11:25–27; 38–44

I. JESUS DECLARES HE IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

(John 11:25–27) *“Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live.’”*
— John 11:23–25

- Jesus received word that **Lazarus** was sick. (John 11:1–3)
- Jesus **loved** Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. (John 11:5)
- Jesus stayed **two** more days, and Lazarus died (John 11:6, 14)
- Our hope is not in _____ answered, but in the _____ who answers prayer.

But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” (John 11:4)

- Delay is not _____, but for our good used to _____ our belief in Him. (John 11:15)
- When Jesus arrived, Lazarus had been in the tomb four days. (John 11:17)
- Martha believed in the resurrection, but Jesus revealed that He is the Resurrection. (John 11:23–25)
- Faith doesn’t always require _____, just _____. (Mark 9:23; Luke 18:27)

When have you seen God delay an answer, only to later increase your faith through it?

II. JESUS UNDERSTANDS OUR SORROW (John 11:38–40)

“Jesus wept.” — John 11:35

“He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.” — Isaiah 53:3

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. Vs 33

- “Deeply moved” (John 11:33, 38) means Jesus was angry
- “Troubled” (John 11:33) means He was agitated
- Jesus was also angry at the people’s comments about his love and power. (John 11:37)
- Jesus’s tears reveal His love and care for us. (John 11:35–36)

- Jesus understands our _____ and sympathizes with our weaknesses. (Hebrews 4:15)
- What Jesus did for Lazarus, proves that _____ and _____ no longer have the final say!

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” reminds us: *“Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.”*

When has Jesus comforted you in a moment of deep sorrow?

III. JESUS SENT BY THE FATHER (John 11:41–44)

“Then Jesus looked up and said, ‘Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 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.’” — John 11:41–42

- Jesus’s command to _____ the stone shows that obedience precedes a _____. (John 11:39–40)
- Jesus depended on the _____, just as we must depend on _____. (John 5:19; John 15:5)
- The works Jesus performed were to bring _____ to God. (John 11:4, 45)
- When Jesus called Lazarus out, He proved He is the _____ of new life. (John 11:43)
- “Unwrap him and let him go” reminds us we are called to help others _____ their new life in Christ. (John 11:44)

How can you help “unwrap” someone — helping them walk freely in the new life Christ offers?

IV. CONCLUSION

After Jesus raised Lazarus, many believed in Him because of Lazarus’s powerful testimony. His witness was so strong that Jesus’s enemies sought to kill both of them (John 12:9–11). Likewise, our lives should lead others to believe in Jesus. True witness may bring opposition, not praise (James 4:4; Luke 6:26). Let us be like Lazarus—living proofs of Christ’s power, so influential that we threaten the enemy’s work!