

Week of April 5th, 2020 - Discussion Questions for Ohana Groups
Seeing Jesus | "I Am the Resurrection and the Life" John 11:1-44

Overview

In the fourth of Jesus' "I Am" sayings in the Gospel of John, Jesus states that he is "the resurrection and the life." The miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead is a climax to all the preceding signs that have revealed God's glory through Jesus. Here death itself, the final enemy of humanity, is successfully confronted by the One who is Himself the Resurrection and the Life.

ICEBREAKER

Have you ever had a close encounter with death?

BIBLE: Read John 11:1-44

1. In Jesus' "I am" statement, what does he declare that he alone is able to do?
2. What surprises you about Jesus in this story?
3. Why did Jesus weep when he knew He was going to raise Lazarus?
4. Where do we see the humanity of Jesus in this passage? His deity?
5. In the latter part of John 11:25, what does Jesus mean when he says "The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." How can one "live" after they die? For those who live in Christ, what is death? Is it an end? Is it a beginning?
6. What question does Jesus ask to Martha? How did she respond? How do you respond?
7. How would you have reacted if Jesus asked you to take away the stone?
8. What ultimate event does Jesus' statement and Lazarus' resurrection point to?

APPLICATION

1. The message that Jesus is the resurrection and the life is timely as people fear the spread of the coronavirus. Who is one person you can extend encouraging words of comfort and assurance who is worried or scared?
2. The story of Lazarus precedes the beginning of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) and the beginning of "Holy Week." Holy Week is a time when we prepare our hearts and commemorate Jesus' mighty acts of salvation. Schedule how you will celebrate Holy Week (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday) this week with your family at home. Plan times when you will read Scripture, pray, and worship together as a family or Ohana Group.

PRAYER

1. That the message that Jesus is the resurrection and the life will be spread across our community, nation, and world during this time of crisis.
2. Please pray that people will not live in anxiousness, fear and panic.
3. Pray that churches across the world are empowered and equipped to respond to needs in love and shine God's light and truth.

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