

Read: John 11: 1-44

The death of Lazarus: John 11: 1-16

1. How well-acquainted did Jesus seem to be with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus?

2. What did Jesus say would be the result of this illness?

3. Jesus delayed going to see His friend Lazarus for two days. What happened to Lazarus during that delay?

4. Why did the disciples not want to go to Judea at that time?

Jesus at the home of Lazarus: John 11: 17-44

5. Who first met Jesus when He arrived in Bethany? What did she say?

6. Who did Jesus say He was?

7. What was Jesus' response when He saw Mary and the Jews weeping for Lazarus?

8. Why was Martha upset when Jesus commanded that they take the stone away from the entrance to the grave?

9. Why did Jesus pray out loud before He called Lazarus from the grave?

10. Describe the scene when Jesus called, "Lazarus, come out!"

Today's Thought

Jesus waited before going to see Lazarus, then He performed one of His greatest miracles. Do I trust God when He doesn't act immediately on my behalf?

Read: John 11: 45-54; Luke 17: 11-37

The plot to kill Jesus: John 11: 45-54

1. Why were the chief priests and Pharisees plotting to kill Jesus?

Ten men healed of leprosy: Luke 17: 11-19

2. How were the ten lepers healed?

3. Who was the one who came back, praising God, to thank Jesus?

4. What did Jesus say to the man?

The coming of the kingdom: Luke 17: 20-37

5. Where did Jesus say the kingdom of God is?

6. Will the Son of Man be revealed secretly, only to a few people?

7. What had to happen before the Son of Man could be revealed?

8. Will people be ready and waiting for the Son of Man to be revealed?

9. Will it help people to try to save their lives when the Son of Man is revealed?

(See additional study,
topic #34)

(See additional study,
topic #35)

Today's Thought

I want to be like the one
who returned.
I want to be thankful for
what God does in my life.

**Knowing
Jesus**

Read: Luke 18: 1-30

The Parable of the Persistent Widow: Luke 18: 1-8

1. What was the lesson Jesus taught with this parable?

2. When we cry out to God for justice, will He help?

The Parable of Two Men Praying: Luke 18: 9-14

3. To whom did Jesus tell this parable?

4. What was the subject of the Pharisee's prayer?

5. Which man was justified by God?

Little Children and Jesus: Luke 18: 15-17

6. Who did Jesus say would receive the kingdom of God?

The Rich Ruler: Luke 18: 18-30

7. What were two things Jesus said the rich ruler must do to inherit eternal life?

8. Why do you think Jesus told that man to sell everything when He didn't tell everyone else they must give everything to the poor?

9. How is salvation possible?

10. What did Jesus promise His disciples who had left everything to follow Him?

(See additional study,
topic #36)

Today's Thought

I must not rely on my own
righteousness, but on God
for my salvation.

Read: Matt. 20: 1-34

Parable of the Vineyard Workers: Matt. 20: 1-16

1. How much did the landowner agree to pay the first men he hired?

2. How much did he say he would pay the ones he hired later in the day?

3. How much did he pay everyone?

4. Was the landowner unfair?

5. What does this parable tell you about the kingdom of heaven?

(See additional study,
topic #37)

Jesus again predicts His death: Matt. 20: 17-19

6. What does Jesus tell His disciples about His coming death?

Mrs. Zebedee's request: Matt. 20: 20-28

7. What did Mrs. Zebedee want?

8. What was Jesus' answer?

9. What was Jesus' response when the other disciples were angry about Mrs. Zebedee's request?

Two blind men healed: Matt. 20: 29-34

10. How much did these men want their healing?

Today's Thought

No other religious leader foretold the details of His death and resurrection.

Read: Luke 19: 1-44

Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector: Luke 19: 1-9

1. What do you learn about Zacchaeus from verses 1-4?
2. What was Zacchaeus' response when Jesus said He would stay at his home?
3. What did Jesus say His mission was?

Note:

A mina was worth three months' wages.

The Parable of the Ten Minas: Luke 19: 11-27

4. Why did Jesus tell this parable?
5. What did the king do to the two servants who invested the minas he had given them?
6. What happened to the one who just saved his mina and returned it to the king?

Note:

This begins the final week of Jesus' ministry.

The triumphal entry into Jerusalem: Luke 19: 28-44

7. How did Jesus get the colt on which He rode?
8. How did the people respond when Jesus entered Jerusalem on the colt?
9. What did Jesus say when the Pharisees rebuked Him about receiving worship?
10. Why did Jesus weep over Jerusalem?

Today's Thought

I want to be as productive as possible with what God has given me.
I want to be a trustworthy servant.

Day 1

- 1.** Mary, Martha, and Lazarus seem to have been very good friends of Jesus.
- 2.** Jesus said the illness would not result in death. He said it was for God's glory, so that God's Son would be glorified through it.
- 3.** Lazarus died during Jesus' delay.
- 4.** The disciples feared the Jews. Only recently the Jews had tried to stone Jesus. Thomas even feared for his life.
- 5.** Martha met Jesus first and said, "If You had been here our brother would not have died. I know that even now, God will give You whatever You ask."
- 6.** Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even though he dies. And anyone who lives and believes in me will never die."
- 7.** Jesus was deeply moved by the tears of Mary and the Jews, and He wept.
- 8.** Martha knew the body of her brother would have started to decay and would smell bad.
- 9.** Jesus already knew that God heard Him and would answer His prayer. He prayed aloud so that those standing by would know that Jesus was sent from God when they saw His prayer answered.
- 10.** Lazarus came out of the cave as best he could, but he was all bound up with the strips of cloth used in his burial. Even though Mary and Martha knew God would answer Jesus' prayers, I'm sure even they were shocked when they saw Lazarus up and alive again. Jesus had to tell them to take off the grave clothes to let Lazarus go. This miracle could not have been some sleight of hand. A man everyone knew had been dead for four days, came back to life, and was there for all to see.

Day 2

- 1.** The chief priests and Pharisees were afraid everyone would believe in Jesus because of all the miracles He performed. They were afraid that if everyone followed Jesus the Romans would take away their authority.
- 2.** The ten lepers called to Jesus and asked to be healed. Jesus told them to go to the priests. While they were going, they were healed.
- 3.** A Samaritan was the only one to return to thank Jesus.
- 4.** Jesus said, "Rise, go, your faith has made you well."
- 5.** Jesus said the kingdom of God is "within you."
- 6.** No, the Son of Man will be revealed everywhere at the same time—like lightning lighting up the whole sky at once.
- 7.** Jesus had to suffer and die before the Son of Man could be revealed.
- 8.** No, people will be carrying on their usual activities—eating, drinking, marrying, buying, selling, planting, and building.
- 9.** No. Trying to save their lives, they will die.

Day 3

- 1.** Jesus told this parable to show we should always pray and never give up.
- 2.** Jesus promises that God will bring about justice quickly for His children who pray.
- 3.** He told this parable to some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else.
- 4.** The Pharisee prayed about his righteous acts.
- 5.** The tax collector who cried to God for mercy was justified. God will exalt the one who humbles himself.
- 6.** Those who come to Jesus like a little child will receive the kingdom of God.
- 7.** Jesus said the rich ruler had to keep the commandments, sell everything, and give to the poor.

8. This man loved his wealth too much. It came between him and following Jesus.
9. Salvation is not possible through human effort: only God can give it.
10. Jesus promised that God would give many times more back to those who sacrificed and they would receive eternal life.

Day 4

1. The landowner agreed to pay a denarius for the day's work.
2. He told them he would pay them whatever is right.
3. He paid everyone a denarius.
4. No, the landowner was generous to pay the same to those who worked only a short while as to those who worked all day.
5. This parable tells me God is not only fair, but also generous.
6. Jesus tells His disciples that He will be betrayed and taken by the chief priests and teachers of the law to the Romans. He will be mocked, flogged, and crucified. He also told them that He would be raised from the dead on the third day.
7. Mrs. Zebedee wanted one son to sit on each side of Jesus when He came into His kingdom.
8. First, Jesus told them they would have to suffer as He did. Secondly, He told them that these places belong to those the Father chooses.
9. Jesus told them that the way to favored status in His kingdom was to be a servant. He said He came, not only to serve, but to die as a ransom for many.
10. They wanted their healing enough to continue calling out to Jesus even when the crowd tried to silence them.

Day 5

1. Zacchaeus was a wealthy tax collector. He was a short man and he wanted so much to see Jesus that he climbed a tree.
2. Zacchaeus came down from the tree and welcomed Jesus gladly. He gave half his wealth away and offered to repay four times the amount he had cheated anyone.
3. Jesus said He came to find and to save those who were lost.
4. Jesus was nearing Jerusalem and the people had the mistaken idea the kingdom of God would appear at once. Jesus wanted to teach them what to do when He died and left them.
5. Because the first two servants proved themselves to be trustworthy, he put them in charge of cities in his new realm.
6. Because the last servant didn't use what he had, it was taken away from him and given to the one who did the best.
7. Jesus told the two disciples He sent where they would find the colt and what to say to the owners. Everything happened just the way Jesus had said.
8. People laid their cloaks on the road and shouted in loud voices, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
9. "If these people keep quiet, the stones will cry out."
10. Jesus wept because the people couldn't see what would bring them peace. He also prophesied the total destruction of Jerusalem because they didn't recognize the time of God's coming to them.

Day 2

34. Law concerning lepers and their cleansing:

Lev. 13

35. Noah and his neighbors:

Gen. 6: 8- 7: 1-24

Heb. 11: 7

Day 3

36. Pharisees:

A Jewish sect

Upheld traditions

Strict observers of the Law

Rigid in fasting

Loved money

Cruel persecutors

Acts 15: 5

Mk. 7: 3, 5-8

Acts 26: 5

Lk. 5: 33

Lk. 16: 14

Acts 9: 1,2

Day 4

37. The Kingdom of Heaven or The Kingdom of God:

Described:

No impure in the kingdom

The righteous will shine

We are brought into

Eph. 5: 5

Matt. 13: 43

Col. 1: 13

Entered by:

New birth

Divine call

Humility

Merciful

Perseverance

Endurance

Faith and love

John 3: 1-8

Luke 22: 29

Matt. 5: 10

Matt. 25: 35

Luke 9: 62

Acts 14: 22

Jas. 2: 5

Powerful:

Power

Never destroyed

I Cor. 4: 20

Dan. 2: 44

Growth:

Prophesied

Like mustard seed

Isa. 9:7

Mark 4: 31