

Trinity Church, Sarnia
Lenten Bible Study – 2021

7 Signs of God's Love

With Canon Vicars Hodge

Week #7. John The Raising of Lazarus.

Questions¹:

Open:

- What was the saddest funeral you have attended where someone you cared about was taken suddenly or unexpectedly?

Dig

1. How would you describe Jesus' relationship with this family? (v.1-5)
2. Why does Jesus delay? (v.6)
3. When Jesus announces he going to Judea to raise up Lazarus from death (11-14), what do the disciples fear? (v.8, 16)
4. By the time Jesus arrived, his friend Lazarus had been buried four days. (v.17) If you were Martha or Mary, how would you have felt when you heard that Jesus had finally arrived?
5. What do you learn about Martha from the way she talks with Jesus in v.21-27. How does Jesus stretch her faith with his claim in v.25?
6. What lies behind the comments of the mourners v.36-37?

7. Since Jesus knew he was going to raise Lazarus (11:11) how do you account for his weeping (v.33-35)
8. What are the various responses to the sign of the raising of Lazarus? V.45, 46, 47, 48, 53.
9. What is the chief concern of the leaders?v.48
- 10.How does Caiphus murderous plan unwittingly underline prophetic truth. (see Jn3:16)

Reflect

- Spiritually, do you feel like you are: Still in the grave? Alive, but wearing the old grave clothes? Alive and set free? Why?
- What, if anything, has convinced you that Jesus the Resurrection and the Life?

Group Norms to enhance our experience

- **Try to make attendance a priority..**
- **Try to stay “on topic.”** Stick to the passage being studied. Seek to find the answers in the text.
- **Everyone participates and no one dominates.** We are sometimes so eager to share what we have learned that we don't leave room for others. By all means participate – but leave space for others.
- **Be sensitive to the other members of the Group.** We respect each other and can all learn from each other. There are no ‘dumb’ questions.
- **Support for one another is part of our life** as followers of Jesus.
- **Confidentiality matters:** When someone shares something of private nature, that stays in the group. We tell our own stores, if we want – not other people's.
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¹ With a “hat's off” to the Serendipity Bible for some of these questions.