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5/10/20 - I AM - The Resurrection

John 11:1-44 study notes/questions

Questions of then/there...

Jesus hears of Lazarus' illness and did not go right away. Why did he stay longer? (see especially v.5-7, 14-15, 40-44).

Why does Martha go to meet Jesus before he arrives?

How does Jesus' response to Martha, and later Mary, demonstrate his compassion?

If Jesus knew he was going to raise Lazarus, why do you think he wept (v.35)?

Meditation

Meditate on John 11:25-26

Questions of here/now...

Why do you think the Lord does not work in our timeframe? What does this tell you of his love for you?

Why are people tempted to think God does not care when they go through trying and difficult times?

What difference does Jesus' statement about being the resurrection and life make in our daily lives? How do we reconcile this statement with the truth that we still face death?

Some saw the miracle and believed. Some doubted. Some plotted against him. Why do you think people can witness the same miracle and yet come away with such different outcomes?



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Object Lesson

What you need:

1. Ziplock Bags
2. Water
3. Sharpened Pencils

Instructions:

1. Start by filling two ziplock bags with water. The bag represents us and the water represents Jesus. By filling a bag with water, we see that we are filled by Jesus. Sometimes we experience difficult times in our life. Those hard times will be represented with the pencils. Poke a pencil through the bag and take it back out. Notice how the water flows out. Sometimes when we experience hard times, we feel that we have lost Jesus' love for us.

2. With the second bag of water, poke a pencil all the way through the bag, but leave it inside. When the pencil is left in the bag, does water still come out? This is an illustration to us that because of the resurrection, Jesus is with us in the midst of hard times and love us no matter what. Difficult times aren't always removed from our lives, but we can rest assured that Jesus loves us and will never leave us. When you reflect on hard times in your life, can you see where God was with you?



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Community Project

Add a rock to your sacred space this week to represent the stone that was rolled away from the tomb, as a reminder that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. He transforms our past and brings life to the present. Let that space be a visual reminder of who Jesus says he is.