

SERMON OUTLINE John 11:38-44

Lazarus, Come Out!

RESURRECTION IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Resurrection Promised

Resurrections Realized

RESURRECTION IN JOHN'S GOSPEL

Lazarus

Jesus

Christians

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this passage is that if you believe in the resurrected and resurrecting Jesus, you will see the glory of God in even greater ways than this. And the big takeaway is that we would live like those who will be raised from the dead into everlasting joy and fellowship with God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Had you ever noticed how prominent the idea of resurrection is in the OT? What difference do you think that makes? Which OT passage stands out to you the most?
3. Which of the four resurrection passages in John (11:25-26; 11:38-44; 14:1-3; 20) is most interesting? Encouraging? Challenging? Hope-giving? Worship-producing? Why?
4. How much of a difference does the fact that you will rise from the dead make in your day-to-day life? What difference do you think it would make if you believed it more fully?
5. How often do you find yourself asked a question about your faith that is hard to answer? What help have you found in answering those types of questions? How have you taken 1 Peter 3:15-16 seriously?
6. Have you ever seen someone entirely unmoved by a really strong Christian argument? Why do you think that was?
7. Have you thought of Lazarus as a picture of what happens when someone comes to faith in Jesus? Does that change anything about how you view evangelism?
8. Are you afraid to die? Why/not? What aspect of your resurrection are you most excited about?
9. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

10. Ask one godly person who knows you well to share an area in your life that you might not see very well.
11. What would you consider the greatest accomplishment of your life? What have you done that you're most likely to be remembered for? What do you still hope to accomplish that will continue on even after you die?
12. Look up the OT resurrection passages in Pastor Dave's manuscript (at gracewyo.com). Study one of them more carefully.
13. Make a list of people, things, and passages to pray for this week. Pray for them. Share this with someone else.
14. Read a book on apologetics this week. Ask your DG leader for a recommendation if you don't know where to start.
15. Share the gospel with one non-Christian this week.
16. Find one specific way to live differently this week in the certain knowledge that you will be raised from the dead—obey in an area you have been too afraid to, write a poem or paint a picture about resurrection, change one of your life's goals, etc.
17. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
18. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

PRAYER POINTS

19. Adoration. Praise God for being the resurrection and the life. Praise God for being omnipotent. Praise God for being gracious.
20. Confess. Confess any ways you are struggling to trust in Jesus' resurrection or yours. Confess any fear of man in you.
21. Thanksgiving. Thank God for calling you to come awake! Thank God for your resurrection. Thank God for the gospel.
22. Supplication. Ask God to save a friend of yours. Ask God to help us live like we will be raised.