

# SERMON OUTLINE John 11:45-54

Lazarus Is Alive. What Are We to Do?

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **THE VARIOUS RESPONSES**

*Some of the Jews Believed (45)*

*Some of the Jews Didn't Believe (46)*

*Most of the Jewish Leaders Were Confused (47-48)*

*One of the Pharisees was Clear In His Own Mind (49-53)*

*Jesus Withdrew (54)*

## **CONCLUSION**

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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The big idea of this passage is that by believing in Jesus we gain everything by giving up everything. And the main takeaway is to take a fresh count of the cost of following Jesus.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Which of the ways in which Jesus has functioned as the Christ in John's Gospel has stood out to you the most so far?
3. Can you name any specific ways in which your life was intentionally shaped by the fact that Jesus is the Christ last week?
4. Imagine yourself having just witnessed Jesus bringing a man back to life after four days. How do you think you'd respond? What do you think you'd say or do (or not say or not do)? Would you tell someone? Would you try to question Jesus?
5. How have you experienced the blinding effects of sin (in your life or that of someone else)?
6. What is it that gives you confidence that your faith is genuine?
7. When was the last time you encountered unbelieving belief? What made you think it wasn't real? How did it show up?
8. Do you care more about maintaining a certain lifestyle or measure of freedom than you do following Jesus? Are you clinging in any way to the crumbs of the world instead of feasting with God? Have you given yourself to the shadows of blessing rather than the blessing itself? Are you content with the blessings of God more than God?
9. What's the worst you've ever seen someone (including yourself) misinterpret the Bible? What was the practical result?
10. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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11. Ask one godly person who knows you well to share an area in your life that you might not see very well.
12. Commit to a Bible reading plan. Try to find someone to do it with you.
13. Ask someone about our Discipleship Tracks and commit to taking one person through one of them.
14. Take a careful look at your last week. Identify one area in which you gladly followed Jesus and thank God for that. Identify one area in which you didn't follow Jesus and thank God for your forgiveness and ask Him to help you repent.
15. Find a believer to encourage. Find an unbeliever to evangelize. Find an unbelieving believer to help recognize their unbelief.
16. Come up with a specific way to celebrate the grace of God in your life this week.
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

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19. Adoration. Praise God that He works all things for good. Praise Jesus for being the savior of the world. Praise the Spirit for being the regenerator of the dead. Praise God for being omniscient, merciful, and gracious.
20. Confess. Confess any ways you desire God's gifts more than God. Confess any ways you are clinging to the scraps of the world instead of feasting with God. Confess any ways you have failed to read God's Word prayerfully, thoughtfully, or humbly.
21. Thanksgiving. Thank God for opening your eyes. Thank God for giving you friends and leaders who help you understand and apply His Word. Thank God for gathering you to Himself. Thank God for speaking everything you need to know to honor Him.
22. Supplication. Ask God to open the eyes of a non-believer in your life. Ask God to show you where you are misreading or misapplying His Word. Ask God to stop the evil being promoted in our society and those who promote it.