

Women's Bible Study

John 11:1-44

1. As this chapter begins, Jesus receives a message about Lazarus. What is the message, and how does Jesus respond to it? How can this instruct us in our prayers, especially as we note the Lord's timing in this situation?

2. In verses 11-15, Jesus explains to the disciples that Lazarus has died. How could He have known this? See also 2:25 and 4:18.

3. Look at John 2:11 and John 11:15. What does Jesus say is the purpose of these miracles?

4. Mary and Martha are significant characters in the gospels. We read more of their story in Luke 10:38-42 and John 12:1-11. What character traits do you see in each of these sisters? Which sister do you have more in common with?

5. Compare and contrast the raising of the widow's son in Luke 7:11-17 with the raising of Lazarus. (What are the circumstances? the purpose? and how do people respond?)

6. Jesus tells Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life" (v.25). Then He asks her, "Do you believe this?" What are the eternal implications of our answer to this question? See also 1 Corinthians 15:50-57 and Romans 8:38-39.

7. How does Jesus pray in verses 41 and 42? What is His posture? Does He approach prayer with any assumptions? What can this teach us about prayer? Take some time to bring your

requests before the Lord in prayer.