

John 11 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

<p>4. Using John 11:23-27 what did Jesus declare (v23) and how did Martha take it (v24)? What was His clarification (v25-26)? What was good about Martha's response (v27) and how can we apply this?</p>	
<p>5. Based on 11:28-32 for whom did Jesus call (v28) and what did she do (v29)? How did the Jews around her react and why (v30-31)? Describe her approach to Jesus (v32).</p>	
<p>6. Read 11:33-37. How did this scene impact Jesus' emotions (v33-35) and why do you think it did? What did others think (v36, 37)? What does this teach you?</p>	
<p>7. From 11:38-40 how did Jesus feel as He got to the tomb (v38)? What did He command, how did Martha react and why (v39)? Of what did Jesus remind her (v40)? Apply.</p>	
<p>8. In 11:41-44 what did Jesus pray (v41-42) and how does this strike you? What was His 1st (v43) command and result (v44)? What was the second (v44) and why was it important?</p>	
<p>9. Looking at 11:45-53 what were the outcomes of this miracle (v45, 46, 47, 53) and why (v48-50)? Why was this significant (v51-52)?</p>	
<p>10. Using 11:54-57 where did Jesus minister from that time (v54) and why (v54)? What was the situation surrounding Jesus after this (v55-57)?</p>	
<p>11. How does John 11 show that the our sense of the <i>urgency</i> of time, the necessity of <i>seeing</i> God at work, and the feeling that death is <i>final</i> are all three false assumptions. What is the truth about each of these things?</p>	

Scripture to Remember

“Jesus answered, ‘Are there not twelve hours in a day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of the world.’”

John 11:9 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions

Words With Friends—Truth (Matt 7:24-29, 2 Tim 2:15)

(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Tell the group about the biggest building project you ever did. What did you discover about building projects? About yourself?
2. Read Matt 7:24-29. What is the same and what is different in this story? What is Jesus' point? When does the "truth" actually work and why?
3. Discuss the deceptions we have relative to the truth—why is "hearing not knowing" and why is "knowing not doing"? When is a conviction actually a contradiction?
4. What are some things that happen in a storm, and what is the goal? How are temptations and trials like "storms" in a believer's life?
5. Talk about how the process of time is so critical to revealing a person's heart. How do we try to circumvent this? What is a better approach?
6. Look at 2 Tim 2:15. Discuss the meaning of how to relate to the truth of God's Word—diligently, unashamedly, and accurately. How do we accomplish this?
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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False Assumptions

John 11

Henry Winkler, aka “The Fonz”, once wrote that “Assumptions are the termites of relationships”. It is tempting to think that we know the motives of another person, and their supposed fault eats away at the relationship. Assumptions pose as truth and cut away at its foundations. In this week’s study in John 11 there are several false assumptions made which lead to faulty conclusions. It was reported to Jesus that one of his friends, Lazarus, was terminally ill, and thus that it was urgent that Jesus go to his side. The urgency of time is a false assumption, though, as Jesus demonstrated in this passage. Lazarus’ sickness would not end in death; this would only be a temporary condition. Rather, his sickness would lead to the glory of God as Jesus later would resurrect

him. Jesus delayed two days before he went, countering this assumption, but when He left He had to deal with another false assumption by Thomas, that they would all immediately die if they went to Judea where Lazarus was. The truth, though, is that time is not urgent; the Father’s will is all that matters and He has enough time to do that. When Jesus arrived in Bethany He encountered another false assumption—the necessity of His presence. Both of Lazarus’ sisters, Martha and Mary, told Him that if He had been there that Lazarus would not have died. Jesus corrected this by declaring that He is the Resurrection and Life and that if anyone believes in Him, he will live. He didn’t need to be there to give life back to Lazarus, but He had come so they could be



Jesus’ one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

edified. Once He went to the tomb of Lazarus, weeping for those who were grieved, He had to deal with another false assumption—the finality of death. Because Lazarus had been dead four days everyone thought his life was over, but they had failed to account for Jesus’ power. He told them to remove the stone, over the objections that Lazarus would stink, and when He called to him, he came out alive. This created a controversy, which eventually would lead to His death on the cross. However, this had revealed the glory of God as Jesus overcame all their false assumptions.

Study Questions for John 11

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

<p>1. Read John 11:1-6. Describe Jesus’ relationship to Lazarus and his family (v2, 3, 5). What was reported to Jesus (v1, 3) and how did Jesus respond to this (v4, 6)? Why (v4)?</p>	
<p>2. In John 11:7-16 what was the disciples’ fear (v7-8, 16)? Explain Jesus’ answer (v9-11). Why was He going (v11-15) and what misunderstanding did He have to correct (v12-13)?</p>	
<p>3. From 11:17-22 what was the scene in Bethany (v17-19)? Who met Jesus and what did she say (v20-22)? What do you think about this?</p>	

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