

JOHN 11

If a friend dies, how would you comfort his or her family and friends?

Read John 11:1-16.

- Why do you think Jesus delayed going to Lazarus?
- The disciples question whether it's wise to return to Judea (verses 7-8). How does Jesus respond to them in verse 11?
- If you were one of the twelve, how would you respond to Jesus' statement?
- What do you think Jesus means by saying the event was intended for their belief?
- How would you describe Thomas' state of mind in verse 16?
- Why do you think he was feeling this way?

Read John 11:17-50.

- What can Jesus' assertion that "I am the resurrection and the life" mean to us?
- What must happen before someone can share in this promise?
- Since Jesus knew that he would soon raise Lazarus from the dead, why do you think He wept?
- Describe the different reactions to this miracle in verses 45-50.
- Why do you think some people rejected Christ after this supernatural event?
- Do people give the same reasons for rejecting Christ today?
- Whom do you most identify with in this group:
Mary and Martha the believing Jews the unbelieving Jews
- How important to you is the hope of an after life?