



EMOJIs and the Gospel of John – Chapter 11 questions

Start by reading the introduction to the chapter and then read John chapter 11. After reading, let's start with a "Would you rather..." question: Would you rather be the focus of a video that has gone viral with every news, media, and Internet outlet picking up the story or would you rather be one of the people in the video in the background as a witness to what had taken place?

We have all lost someone in our lives. You get to pick one person that you can raise from the dead. Who would that be and why did you choose that person?

Notice what happens in verses 12-16. The disciples think that Lazarus is sick. Jesus explains that he is actually dead. He has just been in this region where the people wanted to stone Jesus to death. Read John 11:15. Notice Jesus wants them all to join him to go and see Lazarus in the place the people hate Jesus. The disciples have to make a decision, which Thomas, the one that has been called the "doubter", steps up and says "let's go..." (Read the note on 🤔 John 11:16) You don't know at this point that Jesus is going to raise Lazarus from the dead. If you were one of the disciples knowing everything that has taken place in this area, including the hatred toward Jesus and with the death of His friend, would you join Jesus and go back to visit this family? Why or why not?

In John 11:20-21 the sisters find out that Jesus is coming to them and they react in different ways. According to these verses how did Mary and Martha react? How would you react knowing Jesus was coming to see you at a low point in your life?



Jesus gives us the fifth of His “I am...” statements in verse 25. Read John 11:35-36 and the note for  John 11:35. What do these verse share about who Jesus is according to these verses?

John 11:35 is the shortest verse in the Bible, yet it is one that shows us so much about the person of Jesus. Read John 11:32-37 and the note for  John 11:35. Why did Jesus weep?

Read John 11:17 and then John 11:39 and the note on  John 11:39. Why was Lazarus considered to be completely dead at this point?

In  John 11:45 it says that many people believed in Jesus after He raised Jesus from the dead. This was the final miracle Jesus performed before walking to His death. Of all of his miracles you have learned about to this point, including turning water into wine (his first public miracle), making a blind man see, healing a man that was paralyzed able to walk, etc., where does this miracle rank to you in terms of greatest to least? Why did you choose your answer?

Jesus is walking to his death soon. Read John 11:45-56. The high priest, Caiaphas is leading the charge, Would you rather be the High Priest Caiaphas that sets up the illegal trial to have Jesus crucified, or would you rather be Judas that turned on Jesus to make sure that they arrested the right person for this trial? If you were to go down in history as one of these two people, which would you choose and why?