JESUS RAISES A DEAD MAN

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TALKING POINTS

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead to show that our fullest life can be found in him - whether he performs a miracle or not.

- When we need a miracle, sometimes Jesus doesn't come. God is not obligated to answer our prayers on our timeline. John 11:5-6
- Our pain right now feels real and urgent. But our greatest need is Jesus himself, not just a miracle. John 11:25-26
- Jesus is not a disconnected deity. He weeps with us in our need. John 11:34-35
- Jesus has absolute power over death. Suffering is an entry point into an eternity with him.

DISCUSSION

- 1. If you could raise one person from the dead, who would it be?
- 2. Read John 11:17-21. How would you feel if you were Martha and you found out Jesus had finally come?
- 3. What does it mean that Jesus is the resurrection and the life? What are some things people look to for rather than Jesus?
- 4. When have you been faced with a tough situation that ended up stretching your faith? Explain.
- 5. How has God shown his care for you during difficult times in life?
 Give an example.

