

# Brazos Fellowship Small Group Study

WEEK 37 – THE JESUS YOU DON'T KNOW

**READING:** John 11:1-44

Jesus Raises Lazarus

## **INTRO:**

This Bible story shows Jesus having deep feelings and emotions as he miraculously raises Lazarus from the dead.

## **BREAKING IN:**

When was the first time you attended a funeral? What was it like?  
Who is the closest person to you who has died?

## **QUESTIONS:**

- Do you ever wonder if Jesus understands how you feel?
- Have you ever felt like God was not listening when you prayed? How did you deal with this? How does the way in which Jesus postponed his response to the sisters' request help you in understanding your own prayer life?
- Why do you think Jesus didn't go immediately to help Lazarus?
- Have you, like Thomas (v.16), ever felt that Jesus was calling you to do something very risky? What happened?
- When have you faced a tough situation that ended up stretching your faith? What would have been different for you if that struggle had simply been avoided?
- Have you ever attended a funeral where there was no sense of eternal life, as in verses 25-26? How did you go away from that experience? What difference does this hope make for you?
- How would you have felt if you were Mary or Martha and you heard that Jesus was about to arrive?
- How does Jesus' response to Lazarus' and Mary's weeping (v.35) help you trust him more?
- What do you learn about Jesus from his coming to the tomb?

- On a scale of 1 (none) to 10 (completely) how confident are you that you will live eternally? What evidence supports your level of confidence? How would you live differently if you were more confident?
- Why did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead?
- How has God shown his care for you during difficult times in your life?
- What concerns you the most about dying?
- What gives you the most comfort and hope regarding your future?
- What are some "old grave clothes" that still must be shed for you to feel truly free in Christ?
- How can this group pray for you this week?

## **DAILY VERSES:**

Monday:	John 11:1-16
Tuesday:	John 11:17-44
Wednesday:	Isaiah 55:9
Thursday:	1 Corinthians 15:21-22
Friday:	Philippians 3:10