



Devotional and Discussion Guide - John 12:1-11

This resource can be used to guide your personal anchoring time throughout the week, a small group discussion, or even a one-on-one conversation.

READ

Begin by reading John 12:1-11.

- According to verse 1 where does this part of the story fall in the timeline leading up to the crucifixion?
- Why did Lazarus and his family host a dinner for Jesus?
- What was Lazarus evidence of? Why was that evidence dangerous for the religious and political establishment?
- Who wanted to see Lazarus? Who wanted to kill Lazarus?

REFLECT

- **ON RESURRECTION:** The resurrection of Lazarus is just the beginning of the larger unfolding story of the resurrection of Jesus. The question hung in the air at that dinner party, then on that first Resurrection Sunday, and it still hangs heavy in our world today...is resurrection possible? What evidence do you see for the resurrection of Jesus? What does the hope of a future resurrection mean to you?
- **ON THE GOOD NEWS:** The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus happened about 2,000 years ago. Yet, here we are still talking about these events. On that first Resurrection Sunday, Mary Magdalene announced, "I have seen the Lord!" The Gospels go on to tell many more stories about people who encountered the resurrected Jesus and believed! How have you encountered Jesus in your life? How has the good news Mary first announced (and has been carried down through the years) affected your life?

PRAY

- Begin your time of prayer by reading **Psalms 16:8-11**. What words stand out to you as you read?
- Use these verses to guide your prayer. Here are some things to get you started.
FOCUS on the joy found in God's presence.
THANK God that you can rest securely in His love.
CONFESS how you have not kept your eyes and your hope focused on God.
ASK God to continue to lead you on the path of life.

***Keep going this week by reading these scriptures:**

John 20:18

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Acts 2:31-32

Romans 6:5

