

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why didn't Jesus go immediately to Bethany when He knew Lazarus was sick?
2. What did Christ do when He found Lazarus dead in the grave?
3. Can there be obstacles to overcome on our way to victory? Explain.
4. What does Christ's conquering of death mean for mankind today?

SUMMARY:

As Christ arrived in Bethany, He found Lazarus dead and already buried in the grave. Martha and Mary were grief stricken, but Jesus definitely planned to use the occasion to teach a great lesson and to show His eternal power over death itself. He showed His love and sympathy as He wept. The stone was removed from the cave and when Jesus prayed and cried out, Lazarus came forth from the grave. What a wonderful Savior that gives life and conquers death for us, that we might have life and have it more abundantly!

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #11

March 15, 2026

First Quarter

THE GIVER OF LIFE

LESSON TEXT: John 11:1-46

LESSON SETTING: Beyond Jordan and in Bethany.

TIME: Approximately 33 A.D.

- I. GREAT NEED.** John 11:1-19
 - A. Death - Romans 5:12; Hebrews 9:27
 - B. Grave - Hosea 13:14; 1 Corinthians 15:55
- II. GREAT PROBLEMS.** John 11:20-37
 - A. Grief - Job 1:20; Acts 9:39
 - B. Mourning and Weeping - Genesis 50:1-3
- III. GREAT VICTORY.** John 11:38-46
 - A. Obstacles Removed - Matthew 21:21
 - B. Prayer - Matthew 7:7; James 5:13-14
 - C. Christ's Power - Romans 1:4
 - D. Conqueror of Death - John 5:28-29; Revelation 1:18

GOLDEN TEXT: *I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE; HE THAT BELIEVETH IN ME, THOUGH HE WERE DEAD, YET SHALL HE LIVE.*
John 11:25

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: John 11:47-57 through 12:19
SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: 1 Chronicles 29:1-22;
Psalm 118:1-29

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ, the Son of God

TOPIC: HONORING CHRIST

INTRODUCTION:

When the people wished to honor Jesus, they took palm branches and spread them before Him as He rode on a colt into Jerusalem. They shouted "Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord." How can we honor Him today?

When Jesus saved us, He really purchased us and we became His. Being His possession, He can do with us whatever He pleases. Not only is He our Savior, but also our Lord and Master. We are truly His and in this we have no right to do as we please. We must obey Him and permit Him to rule our heart and mind. We no longer belong to ourselves nor have the right to live to ourselves.

So often we are happy to accept Him as our Savior but unwilling to let Him rule us. We still wish to cling to our own selfish desires, however noble they may be. If so, we do not honor Him. We can only honor Him by accepting Him as King and Ruler permitting Him to graciously reign over us.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Christ should and must be honored as King of our life.

GOLDEN TEXT: ***BLESSED IS THE KING OF ISRAEL THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.***

John 12:13

There was an unusual feeling of expectation in and around Jerusalem as the Passover Week approached that year when God's plan of salvation was to unfold. Something was in the very air. The chief priests and Pharisees were troubled at the power and influence of Jesus. A curious thing happened when the high priest Caiaphas uttered his prophesy. He, himself, did not realize how true his words were when he said, "it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not." (John 11:50) So while Jesus' enemies sought to destroy Him, many people looked and hoped for Him to become the King of Israel. These also fulfilled scripture when they placed Jesus on a colt and proclaimed Him King with shouts of joy. These were all mistaken about the purpose of the Son of God's earthly sojourn as the Son of Man. Only those to whom the Holy Spirit revealed it later, understood how God's promises were fulfilled.

Now again, it surely must be near the end of an age. Many are troubled at world conditions. Many strive to turn the misfortune of others to their gain, while Israel unknowingly helps fulfill "all that the prophets have spoken." (Luke 24:25) May we all be of those who have allowed Jesus to become our Savior and Master, for then we shall soon be able to say, "Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 16 – 22

Mon. A King Dishonored. 2 Samuel 15:13-23
Tue. *A King Conspired Against. John 11:47-57
Wed. A King Defended. 2 Samuel 18:1-8
Thu. A King Welcomed. 2 Samuel 19:9-17
Fri. A King Exalted. Psalm 118:19-29
Sat. *A King Anointed. John 12:1-8
Sun. *A King Honored. John 12:9-19

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