



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022



Take your Pulse

When is a time you remember a really miraculous healing?

What funeral is a memory you hold onto for how sad it was?

Today's Reading

John Chapter 11

This chapter has one of the more well known stories from all of John. Jesus' friend Lazarus has died, and he waits a few days before traveling to be with his friends who are grieving their brother. This story intentionally serves as a precursor to Jesus' own resurrection. But there is a key difference between Lazarus and Jesus. Lazarus will die again. Jesus is the true resurrection, and he brings his power of life to full demonstration now so that we will believe in his resurrection, and we will believe that one day we too will rise.

This chapter is especially difficult for me today, as I gather now with my own family around my Grandmother in the hospital. But I believe in the resurrection. I do not grieve without hope.



Start the Thinking

We sometimes read the Bible and wonder where stories like this happen in our world. We can all name that special someone we wish Jesus came to and raised back to life. How does reading this story give you hope during your times of grief and sorrow?



Conversing with God

Light of the World, you are the life and the resurrection. You provide this gift generously to all of creation. Thank you for this gift. Thank you for the newness of life I experience each day and for the abundance of eternal life that is to come. In your holy name we pray. Amen



Be blessed

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ, our Savior, is alive! The grave could not hold him. Christ is alive! There is joy this morning! Go into the world with joy. Tell the world Christ lives. Tell the world of God's love. Go, my sisters and brothers, go without fear; go without shame; go without apology. Go in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.