Message from God's Life Giving Word
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Risen: The Resurrection and the Life

Christ is Risen!
He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

How could a good God allow…?

Notes on Sign #6 – The raising of Lazarus (John 11):

*Again, Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the **light** of the world. Whoever **follows me** will not walk in darkness but will have the **light of life**." John 8:12*

*Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life**. Whoever believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"*
John 11:25-26

When did God seem to leave your prayer unanswered?

Who is Jesus?

***These** are written so that **you** may **believe** that **Jesus is** the Christ, the Son of God, and that **by believing** you may have **life** in His name. John 20:31*

Next Steps

1. Journal about John 11:17–45, where the apostle John recounts the story of Jesus raising his friend Lazarus from the dead. What are some details about this story that would lead a reader to believe this actually happened? In verse 35, Jesus showed emotion about this situation. What does the fact that Jesus wept—even knowing Lazarus was about to be raised—say about him? Read verse 43. Imagine for a moment what onlookers would have been thinking after hearing Jesus say this. What words come to mind describing this scene? What is your biggest takeaway from this story?
2. In what ways does the story of Lazarus parallel the story of God's relationship with people? How does the story of Lazarus address the question, "Why would a good God allow bad things to happen?" Consider a personal example when something that was tragic helped strengthen your faith? If so, explain.
3. Read John 11:4 again. Jesus claims Lazarus died so God may be glorified. What about the story of Lazarus can inspire you to have a better perspective during difficult circumstances?
REMEMBER: *Your time in daily devotion and prayer is not just for your benefit. It's also for the benefit of others. Share what God is teaching you.*