

Growth Group Discussion Questions
Series: "...And Then Came Jesus"- Part 1"
"Lazarus: Mission Impossible"
Week of March 14th, 2021

Message Summary: I loved the Mission Impossible movie series... a continuing number of impossibly complex international problems that only the IM team could unwind and solve! It's a good backdrop to understand the Lazarus "sign" we looked at on Sunday. John, the writer of the Book of John, who was Jesus' best friend and a disciple himself, wanted anyone looking into who Jesus is, to be able to conclude by the 7 unmistakable signs Jesus left for us to see, that Jesus is the promised Savior! That was John's aim in writing the book of John! So, the resurrection of Lazarus, in broad daylight, with a crowd assembled, can lead us to only one conclusion: Jesus has the power of life and death! And, the only One who can do this impossible mission... is God Himself! That tells us everything we need to know about Jesus! Let's dig into discussing this powerful good news!

ICE BREAKER

1. Tell us about one aspect of Jesus life or ministry that comes to mind when you think about Him.

GOING DEEPER

1. John was very clear on why he wrote the Book of John, and what he wanted his readers to conclude from reading his account of the life of Jesus. Look at John 20:30-31, and discuss what his reasons were for writing his book.

John 20:30 The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. **31** But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

- a. Look at Verse 31. Discuss what John is saying to us in the 2nd half of that verse?
- b. If you were explaining to a non-believer who was interested in who Jesus is, how would you explain to them, **"that if by believing in Him (Jesus) you will have life by the power of His name?"** (Hint: 1 Cor. 1:18)

- c. What other references in God's Word might you use to help explain to a non-believer how a person seeking Jesus could gain eternal life and a home in heaven? (Hint: work thru the question and then look at John 5:24 & discuss what it tells us.)

2. Look at the following list of "the 7 sign miracles", that Jesus performed during His ministry on earth. John included these sign miracles in his book about Jesus (Gospel of John). Look at each sign miracle, and discuss what they tell you about Jesus. Why do you think John included each one in his list of 7?

1. Turning water into wine- John 2:1-11
2. Healing Nobleman's son near death- John 4:46-54
3. Healing the lame man by the pool of Bethesda- John 5:1-17
4. Feeding the 5,000- John 6:1-5
5. Walking on the water- John 6:16-25
6. Healing the man born blind- John 9:1-41
7. Raising Lazarus from the dead- John 11:1-44

ADDING MUSCLE TO YOUR FAITH

3. We talked Sunday that helping a new believer or a serious seeker of Jesus learn more about Him, motivates us to have a plan ready to help them. **Open your bibles and Read John 1, verses, 1-14**, and discuss the following:

- a. What do verses 1-4 tell us about Jesus?
- b. What was the role of John the Baptist as outlined in verses 6-9?
- c. The "He" in verse 10, refers to the WORD, which we'll learn in verse 14 is referring to Jesus, the Son of God. What more do verses 10-13 tell us about Jesus & what believing in Him produces?
- d. Look at verse 14. What do we want our seeker to know after they read that verse of scripture?