



Journey to Eternity – Three Weeks 3-26-17

John 11:1-45

John 21:25 if all the miracles Jesus did,
not enough books to contain them.

Review: Week 1. Luke 9:51-62, Jesus sets out for Jerusalem toward his death and resurrection.

1. **Purpose, Assignment, Mission** John 12:27
2. **Set Yourself!** Isaiah 50:7
3. **It WILL cost us** Luke 14:33

Week 2 In Luke 10, Jesus sends the 70 out, then Luke 10-17) The story of the lost sheep, lost coin, and lost son (Prodigal) in Luke 15:

1. **God loves finding lost people!** Finding lost things!!!
2. **If you're lost, He's looking for you – today!**
3. **He's waiting and watching to throw a party!**

Dead Men Do Tell Tales –imagine the stories Lazarus might have been able to tell! **(Think and share in our group, remember where he was)**

John 11 tells us the story of the death and resurrection of Lazarus - verified for us today by the Church of Lazarus on Larnaca, where Lazarus eventually ended up after being raised by Jesus. In the year 63AD, Lazarus was buried for a second and final time in Larnaca, his sarcophagus had an inscription which translated: "Lazarus, Bishop of Larnaca. Four days dead and friend of Christ".

John 12:9-11 From the story of Lazarus We learn that the wisdom of God's love does not always shield us from suffering, sorrow and death. (Miracles of the Bible, Lockyer, pg. 227) **Talk about this in your group**

1. When our life is in His _____, it will bring Him _____! (vs. 4)
2. God's _____ are neither _____ or _____! or in this particular miracle, death! (vs. 6,21, 40)

3. Jesus is _____ with our feelings, our _____. (vs. 33-35)

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are, yet* without sin. **16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. NKJV

4. His _____ is enough to completely and _____ change any situation or _____. (vs. 40) He's calling your name today!

Luke 20:38 **He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him.** NKJV

Matthew 28:18 Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, **"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.** NKJV (exousia – authority, power, jurisdiction)

5. We can have a part in His _____ and His _____! By our _____! (vs. 39,44)
6. He always _____ for us!

Romans 8:34 **It is** Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. NKJV
Hebrews 7:25 He always lives to make intercession for them. NKJV

Jesus is still the resurrection and the life for all who are dead in their sins and dead to God today!

Let us remember that no earthly circumstances can hinder the fulfillment of His Word if we look steadfastly at the immutability (inability to change) of that Word and not at the uncertainty of this ever-changing world. God would have us believe His Word without other confirmation, and then He is ready to give us "according to our faith." (Streams in the Desert, Tuesday, March 21)