

Annunciation Parish - Scripture Study 3/24/20

—Greeting and Opening Prayer

Any thoughts or questions from scripture passages you have read?

- Other faith questions?

READINGS:

EZ 37:12-14

PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption)

ROM 8:8-11

JN 11:1-45

GOSPEL:

- Jesus hears of Lazarus being ill. He was well acquainted (“the one you love is ill”)
- Illness not to death, but for glory of God - similar to last week blindness not due to what he did but for Glory of God.
- He waits two days, why?
- Walking in the 12 hours of day, in the night one stumbles because THE LIGHT IS NOT IN HIM. What does this mean? What is it to walk in the day/night?
- Jesus speaks of death of the body as “sleep” - and he is going to “wake” him.
- He goes to place of danger - they don’t get the purpose of the trip. Thinking he is going to die, but later they are amazed he died. What is going on here?
- If you had been here ... (he could have stopped it), but now ... (he can reverse the death).
 - Reference to the resurrection of the dead Jesus says I AM the resurrection and the life. Believing in him will not die - but the body dies, what does he mean?
- Mary goes to Jesus, says same as sis, Jesus is overcome with emotion. The people keep focusing on prolonging the earthly life, not the promise of life Jesus is talking about.
- Dead 3 days. (1) They understood “no coming back” (like man born blind - can’t be fixed); (2) Jesus knew of Lazarus’ death on the day he died - and waited two more days.
- Prayer to father effective, Lazarus is set free from the tomb “untie him” - what is significance?

FIRST READING:

- God promises to open the graves and have people rise from them (resurrection Martha references in Gospel). Return to land = return to paradise; Life through the Spirit of God in the individual
- The God will be known at the resurrection. This promised will be fulfilled ... in Jesus who is the resurrection and the life.

SECOND READING:

- Those in the flesh cannot please God. The Baptized are in the Spirit ... if ... the spirit of God dwells in you. How is the spirit dwelling?
- If Christ is in us then it does not matter if the body is dead - because the Spirit is alive.
- Mortal bodies will be given life also - what is he talking about?
- Living and death, body having life?

—Closing Prayer