

**WEEK 6: JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE
DAY 1: HE WHO BELIEVES WILL NEVER DIE**

John 11:1-27

1. Last week we saw that Jesus is the light and the good shepherd. This week we will see that He is the life.

What did Jesus say about Himself to show how He cares for those who follow Him? Answer by writing John 10:11:

Who today are like the hired man who runs away from the sheep when the enemy comes?

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2. Jesus said: I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep. Today, unfaithful pastors are like the hired man. They are afraid to die, so they leave when trouble comes. But Jesus began to show the people that good can come out of death. Today we will learn two things about the raising of Lazarus from the dead.

- (1) Jesus said that because of the death of Lazarus, glory would come to God.
- (2) Jesus said that He is the resurrection and the life. He promised that the one who believes in Him will never die.

Take your Bible now and read John 11:1 to 10. Read verse 3 again. Who was sick?

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3. It was Lazarus. Mary and Martha called him "your dear friend." Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived together in Bethany. It seems that Jesus often went to their home. But now Lazarus was sick. He was very sick! But Jesus said a surprising thing.

John 11:4:

When Jesus heard it, he said, "The final result of this sickness will not be the death of Lazarus; this has happened in order to bring glory to God.

Do you usually think of death as a good thing? _____

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4. Death itself is not a good thing. But God can use it to bring glory to Himself. This was not an easy time for Jesus. He loved Mary, Martha and Lazarus. He did not want them to suffer.

John 11:5-6:

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. Yet when he received the news that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was for two more days.

From this verse, do you think God sometimes lets us suffer to bring Him glory?

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5. Sometimes God allows us to suffer. Even Jesus had to suffer in order to raise Lazarus from the dead. He suffered in his mind when he went back to the place where He was hated.

John 11:7-8:

Then he said to the disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." "Teacher," the disciples answered, "just a short time ago the people there wanted to stone you and you are planning to go back?"

Jesus said that the death of Lazarus would bring glory to whom? _____

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6. It would bring glory to God. Jesus talked to the disciples again about light. He said that He did not need to hide what He was doing.

John 11:11:

Jesus said this and added, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I will go and wake him up."

Jesus meant that He would raise Lazarus from the dead. What would this bring to God?

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7. It would bring Him glory. God allows many things to come into our lives. Some of them are very difficult and sad. God wants to bring Glory to Himself through these things. He may take the hard things away from us. Or He may give us patience to live through them. But if we are patient, they will bring good.

What did Jesus say would come because of the death of Lazarus? _____

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8. This would bring glory to God. When Jesus said Lazarus was asleep, He meant that He was dead. But the disciples did not understand. So Jesus told them plainly. Then He said this.

John 11:15:

but for your sake I am glad that I was not with him, so that you will believe. Let us go to him.

When Jesus and the disciples arrived, Lazarus had been dead four days. Mary Martha and their friends had been crying all this time. Think how the people cried. We have seen people cry for many days at a funeral.

From this verse, why was Jesus glad that He was not with Lazarus when he was sick?

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9. He was glad He was not with him so the people could believe. Jesus was preparing to do something greater than heal Lazarus from his sickness. When Jesus and the disciples arrived, Martha went out to meet them.

John 11:21-22:

Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, Lord, my brother would not have died! But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask him for."

Did Martha believe in Jesus? _____

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10. We know that Martha believed. This was the time when she said that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God. We learned this in the first week of our study. Jesus wanted Martha and all the others to know something special.

John 11:25:

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies.

What did Jesus say He was? _____

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11. He said He was the resurrection and the life. Then Jesus said more.

John 11:26:

and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?

After saying that He is the resurrection and the life, what did Jesus promise whoever lives and believes in Him?

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12. He promised that he will never die. Jesus wants people to believe. This is the way to have eternal life. Read again how Martha answered Jesus' question.

John 11:27:

“Yes, Lord!” she answered. “I do believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

What did Jesus say would come because of the death of Lazarus?_____

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13. The death of Lazarus would bring glory to God. People would believe in Jesus.

When I was young, I went to church with my parents in western Kenya. By doing this I thought I was a child of God and had life. One day the pastor preached on receiving eternal life. I thought to myself. “I have been coming to church always with my parents. Now what is the pastor speaking about?” I saw that just going to church did not give me life.

After saying that He is the resurrection and the life, what did Jesus promise whoever lives and believes in Him? _____

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14. He promised that he would never die. This means more than physical death. We can go right on living after our bodies die. Some day our bodies will be raised too. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead to show this.

Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God?_____

Do you believe that He is able to raise the dead?_____

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15. Be ready to talk about this in class.

What did Jesus say would come because of the death of Lazarus?_____

After saying that He is the resurrection and the life, what did Jesus promise whoever lives and believes in Him? _____

WEEK 6: JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

DAY 2: JESUS RAISED LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD

John 11:28-57

1. Yesterday we saw the beginning of a difficult time for Jesus. He was only a short distance from Jerusalem where His enemies were. He was faced with the death of a dear friend. He was about to do a great miracle.

What did Jesus say would come because of the death of Lazarus? _____

After saying that He is the resurrection and the life, what did Jesus promise whoever lives and believes in Him?

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2. Jesus said that glory to God would come because of the death of Lazarus. He promised that whoever lives and believes in Him would never die. Jesus said this to Martha. He was in a dangerous place. Many Jews had come from Jerusalem to be with Martha and Mary. Everything Jesus did would be told in Jerusalem. But let us learn what Jesus did.

- (1) The people saw that Jesus loved Lazarus because He wept.
- (2) Before His crucifixion, Jesus raised Lazarus to show His power over death.

Read what happened now in John 11:32 to 44. Read verse 33 again. Did Jesus care how His friends felt?

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3. The heart of Jesus was touched when He saw everyone weeping. We are sad when someone dies. Sometimes the whole village cries. We cry because we miss that person. Some people cry because they do not know what happens after death. They have no hope. Jesus had feelings too.

John 11:34:

“Where have you buried him?” he asked them. “Come and see, Lord,” they answered.

Why do you think Jesus cried? _____

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4. Perhaps you wrote that He felt sorry for the people. It hurt Him to see His friends cry. Let us see what the people thought.

John 11:35-36:

Jesus wept. “See how much he loved him!” the people said.

What made the people think that Jesus loved Lazarus? _____

5. It was because Jesus cried. We know that Jesus loved Lazarus. We saw that yesterday. We also know that He loved Mary and Martha. He knew that Lazarus would return to life. But it hurt Him to see everyone so sad. Perhaps we can say that He cried because He loved everyone.

John 11:37:

But some of them said, "He gave sight to the blind man, didn't he? Could he not have kept Lazarus from dying?"

Sometimes it is harder to do the thing which will bring glory to God. What was Jesus planning to do?

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6. He was planning to raise Lazarus from the dead. But Jesus did not say, "It doesn't matter" when the people were so sad. He does not say that to us either. When we are sad He knows it. He feels the sorrow with us.

John 11:38:

Deeply moved once more, Jesus went to the tomb, which was a cave with a stone placed at the entrance.

What made the people think that Jesus loved Lazarus? _____

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7. Jesus cried. Then He and all the people went to the grave. Remember that many people from Jerusalem were there. Jesus said they should take away the stone. But Martha was afraid the smell would be too bad!

John 11:40:

Jesus said to her, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believed?"

In bringing glory to God, Jesus would show His power over what? _____

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8. Jesus would show His power over death. He wanted the people to believe. They took away the stone and Jesus began to pray.

Read the prayer of Jesus in John 11:41 and 42. Did all the Jews who saw Jesus' miracles believe in Him?

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9. Some did not believe. They did not want to believe. They were full of envy. They were trying to kill Jesus. Soon they would want even more to kill Him.

John 11:43-44:

After he had said this, he called out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" He came out, his hands and feet wrapped in grave cloths, and with a cloth around his face. "Untie him," Jesus told them, "and let him go."

What did Jesus do in Bethany that showed His power over death and made the Jews want very much to kill Him?

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10. He raised Lazarus from the dead. Many of the people there believed in Jesus. But some went back to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. This made them even more angry. They called all the leaders together. They decided that they must put Jesus to death. A short time later Jesus was crucified.

Who did not believe and wanted to kill Jesus? _____

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11. It was the leaders of the Jews. They were not only jealous of Jesus. They were afraid of Him. This is what they said in the meeting.

John 11:48

If we let him go on in this way, everyone will believe in him, and the Roman authorities will take action and destroy our Temple and our nation!"

If the Roman leaders ended the Temple and the nation of Israel, what would happen to the power which the Jewish leaders had?

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12. It too would end. They were worried about their own power. They would no longer rule over the people. They would not be able to make the people do what they wanted. But the leaders could have had another kind of power. They could have had the power of God in their lives. They should have received Jesus.

Before His crucifixion what did Jesus do in Bethany that showed His power over death and made the Jews want to kill Him?

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13. He raised Lazarus from the dead. This was to show the glory of God. It was to help people believe.

One day Pastor Erastus Otieno of Kenya went to the house of a certain sick woman. He found that the people were already crying for her. He told them not to cry as people without hope. He told them that the dead who believe in Jesus will be brought to life on the day of resurrection. He read the words of Jesus from John 11. Then he prayed. The whole house filled with the presence of God. When everyone said Amen, the woman was healed.

Was this the power of Pastor Otieno? _____

To whom should this bring glory? _____

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14. It was God's power. It should bring glory to Him.

What made the people think that Jesus loved Lazarus? _____

Before His crucifixion, what did Jesus do in Bethany that showed His power over death and made the Jews want very much to kill Him? _____

WEEK 6: JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE
DAY 3: WE MUST CONTINUE TO BELIEVE
John 12:1-19.

1. This week we are learning much about life and death.

What made the people think that Jesus loved Lazarus? _____

Before His crucifixion, what did Jesus do in Bethany that showed His power over death and made the Jews want very much to kill Him? _____

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2. Jesus cried at the death of Lazarus. But then He raised Lazarus from the dead. This really made the Jews angry and afraid. When the crowd followed Jesus into Jerusalem, the Pharisees felt even worse. Soon they would crucify Jesus. Today let us see two things that happened before He died.

- (1) Mary showed her love for Jesus by pouring perfume on His feet.
- (2) The crowd following Jesus into Jerusalem believed for a time. But if we want life through Him, we must continue to believe.

Take your Bible now and read John 12:1 to 8. Read verse 7 again. In order to bring resurrection and life, Jesus had to die. Jesus said that the perfume Mary had was for what day? _____

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3. Jesus said it was for the day of His burial. In your reading you saw that this was six days before the Passover. Jesus was crucified on the day of the Passover. So this was just about a week before He died.

John 12:1:

Six days before the Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, the man he had raised from death.

Where was Jesus when Mary poured perfume on His feet? _____

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4. Jesus was at the home of Lazarus. This was the home of Mary too. They had prepared dinner for Jesus there. Martha helped to serve the food. Lazarus was sitting at the table.

John 12:3:

Then Mary took a whole pint of a very expensive perfume (or sweet oil) made of pure nard (a sweet-smelling plant), poured it on Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The sweet smell of the perfume filled the whole house.

What did Mary pour on Jesus' feet to show her love? _____

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5. She poured perfume on His feet. It was perfume that cost much money. One disciple did not think it was good for Mary to do this. He said that the money for the perfume should have been used for something else. He said it should have been given to the poor. But he was not telling the truth. He really wanted the money for himself.

What was Mary trying to show when she poured the perfume on Jesus' feet?

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6. She was trying to show her love. This was a beautiful way to do it. Think how it would be if we had Jesus here in an earthly body. We would want to show our love in ways like this too. God understands our hearts. He is glad when we try to show our love to Him.

What did Mary do to show her love before Jesus' death? _____

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7. She poured perfume on His feet. This gave joy to Jesus. Sometimes we fail to show our love to Him. We are busy with other things when Jesus wants to see our love.

What is something you could do this week to show your love for Jesus? _____

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8. I hope you wrote something special. And I hope you will do it. Do it right now if you can. We show our love to Jesus when we tell Him that we love Him. But we must mean it with all our hearts. We show our love to Jesus when we wait before Him, worship Him, and listen to Him. We show our love to Jesus when we do good things for His children. We show love when we give something to Him which cost much time or money.

A little later many people tried to show their love by following Jesus into Jerusalem.

In your Bible read John 12:12 to 18. Read verse 13 again. Do you think these people believed in Jesus?

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9. It seems that they did believe in Him. They believed as long as they saw His miracles. John says that is why they followed Him.

John 12:17-18:

The people who had been with Jesus when he called Lazarus out of the grave and raised him from death had reported what had happened. That was why the crowd met him--because they heard that he had performed this miracle.

We have learned that there was something wrong with the way the people understood the feeding of 5000. What was wrong with their understanding?

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10. They were only looking for earthly things. When Jesus was going into Jerusalem, the people were praising Him for His miracles. But a few days later He allowed Himself to be arrested. He did not work miracles to keep from being killed. The people did not understand this. They stopped believing in Him. Some of them began shouting, "Crucify Him."

If we want to have life through Jesus, we must be different from those who followed Him into Jerusalem. We must continue to believe in Him.

As we learned, what has Jesus promised to anyone who lives and believes in Him?

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11. Jesus has promised that that person will never die. He will have eternal life. He will have life in all its fullness. Jesus really is our King. We should receive Him as King. When He rode into Jerusalem, He was fulfilling the Old Testament prophecies.

Zachariah 9:9:

Rejoice, rejoice, people of Zion! Shout for joy, you people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you! He comes triumphant and victorious but humble and riding on a donkey.

If we want to have life through Jesus, what must we do differently from the crowd who followed Jesus into Jerusalem?

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12. We must continue to believe in Him. Mary continued to believe in Jesus over a long time. She sat and listened to Him teach. She saw Him raise her brother to life. She showed her love to Jesus.

What did Mary do to show her love to Jesus before his death? _____

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13. She poured perfume on His feet. But others left Jesus when He was not doing miracles. They did not believe any longer. We may be tempted to do this too. Sometimes God answers our prayers right away. But sometimes He lets us suffer. We wonder where His power is. We wonder why He does not help us.

If we want life through Jesus, what must we do differently from the crowd who followed Jesus into Jerusalem?

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14. We must continue to believe. Sometimes it takes a whole lifetime to understand the faithfulness of God. As we continue to believe we have life in its fullness.

Perhaps you know an old person who has followed Christ for many years. Go and talk to him or her about this. Ask him what has helped him continue to believe.

What did he say? _____

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15. Be ready to share the answer in class.

What did Mary, the sister of Lazarus, do to show her love to Jesus before His death? _____

If we want to have life through Jesus, what must we do differently from the crowd who followed Jesus into Jerusalem? _____

WEEK 6: JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

DAY 4: JESUS DIED TO BRING LIFE

John 12:20-36. John 11:45-57.

1. We are seeing that Jesus spoke as no one else spoke. He said that He was the resurrection and the life. He truly raised the dead.

What did Mary, the sister of Lazarus, do to show her love to Jesus before His death?

If we want to have life through Jesus, what must we do differently from the crowd who followed Jesus into Jerusalem?

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2. Mary showed her love by pouring perfume on Jesus' feet. If we want to have life through Jesus, we must continue to believe in Him. It must have been exciting to be with Jesus when He lived on earth. But a sad time was coming. Today we will learn how Jesus saw the things ahead.

(1) In order to bring life, Jesus had to die.

(2) He said that when He was lifted up He would draw all men to him.

Read this now in your Bible in John 12:24 to 33. In verse 27, how was Jesus feeling as He looked toward His death?

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3. He was troubled. Sometimes we forget that Jesus was a man like us in many ways. It was not easy for Him to think of dying. But He knew that was why He came to earth. This is what He said when the Greek people wanted to see Him.

John 12:24:

I am telling you the truth: a grain of wheat remains no more than a single grain unless it is dropped into the ground and dies.

What must a seed do in the ground if it is to make more seeds?

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4. It must die. A grain of wheat left on the table by itself will do nothing. It must be put into the ground. This is the way life is. Death often brings life. This is also true in spiritual things.

John 12:24-25:

If it does die, then it produces many grains. Whoever loves his own life will lose it, whoever hates his own life in this world will keep it for life eternal.

If a seed dies in the ground what can it produce?

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5. It can produce many grains. One seed dies so that many grains can grow. Jesus was talking about our lives. He was talking about His own life too. He knew what the leaders of the Jews were saying. After Jesus raised Lazarus, you remember that they had a meeting. Let us go back and see what was said in the meeting.

In your Bible read John 11:45 to 52. In verse 50, what did the high priest say one man should do?

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6. He said that one man should die. One man should die for the people so the whole nation would not be destroyed. And this is exactly what Jesus would soon do. But Jesus was not dying to save the people from Romans. He would die to bring something special to all men.

By dying, what would Jesus bring to all men? _____

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7. He would bring them life. It would be eternal life. But He could not do this if He saved His own life. Read again what He said.

John 12:27-28:

...Shall I say, 'Father, do not let this hour come upon me'? But that is why I came--so that I might go through this hour of suffering. Father, bring glory to your name!

What did Jesus have to do in order to bring life? _____

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8. He had to die. There was no other way. So Jesus was troubled. But He was also glad because Satan would be defeated.

John 12:31:

Now is the time for this world to be judged; now the ruler of this world will be overthrown.

Who would overcome Satan? _____

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9. Jesus would do this. He would do it by dying for sin and rising again. He would be crucified. He would be lifted up from the earth on a cross. Jesus knew in what way He would die.

John 12:32:

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me.

What would Jesus do to everyone when He was lifted up? _____

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10. He would draw everyone to Him. Many people were confused about Jesus at this time. They thought the Messiah would free them from the Romans. When Jesus said He would die, they did not know what to think. They did not feel drawn to Him. But when He was lifted up, Jesus said He would draw men.

John 12:33:

In saying this he indicated (or showed) the kind of death he was going to suffer.

What kind of death would the Romans give Jesus, by which He would draw everyone?

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11. They would crucify Him. This was the way the Romans killed evil people. But at this time those who were listening to Jesus did not understand.

John 12:34:

The crowd answered, "Our Law tells us that the Messiah will live forever. How, then, can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?"

Jesus was trying to explain. What did He say He would do when He was lifted up?

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12. He would draw everyone to Him. With us too, it is when we give ourselves that we draw people to Jesus.

A certain pastor tried very hard to be a strong church leader. He tried to make everyone work hard. He told everyone when they did wrong. He also taught part of the time in a Bible school. When the students did wrong, he punished them strongly. He spoke harsh words to them. Then one day He felt God speaking to him. The Lord said that he should pray more and love the people more. Then the Lord would take care of the problems.

What did Jesus have to do in order to bring life? _____

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13. He had to die. We cannot die to save the sins of other people. But we can give our lives for them. We can spend our time loving them and showing them the way to Christ. God will help us do this if we ask Him.

What did Jesus say He would do when He was lifted up from the earth? _____

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14. He said He would draw everyone to Him. It is good to remember that Christ is drawing people. We can draw them to Christ too by the way we live.

Perhaps other people drew you to Christ. Think of a Christian whom you knew before you became a Christian. Think of the good things in his life which drew you to Jesus.

Your people need to know what you have learned this week. Prepare a sermon or lesson from the teachings of the last four days. On another paper write the big things you will say. Prepare to tell the people about the person who drew you to Christ. Teach the lesson if you can. Bring your paper to class so the leader can see it.

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15. What did Jesus have to do in order to bring life? _____

What did He say He would do when He was lifted up from the earth? _____

WEEK 6: JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE
DAY 5: REVISION

You have now finished six weeks of this course. How do you like studying the book of John by subjects? Be ready to tell your class leader how you feel.

Today let us go back over the teachings. As you look at the book of John as a whole you will understand it better. Perhaps you will see it as you have not seen it before.

Try to answer every question before you go back for the answer. This is important so that you remember the lessons well. Think about the teachings as you go over them. Putting them into your life is more important than writing them on paper.

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Questions from Week 4.

1. What did Jesus say he could give the Samaritan woman at the well? _____

2. From John 7:17, what will happen to those who are willing to do what God wants? _____

3. What did Jesus say to those who are thirsty? _____

4. What did Jesus say would come from the heart of one who believes? _____

5. What is the main reason why the leaders of the Jews could not understand and did not believe in Jesus? _____

6. What name did Jesus call Himself, which is the name of God in the book of Exodus? _____

7. Jesus said that He was the truth. What did He say the truth would do for those who know it? Answer by writing John 8:31-32.

8. Because the leaders of the Jews did not believe the truth, they were the children of whom? _____

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Questions from Week 5.

9. Jesus said He is the light of the world. What two things does He promise to the one who follows Him?

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(2) _____

10. Because light overcomes darkness, what does this mean for those of us who fear demons?

11. What two kinds of light did Jesus bring to the blind man?

(1) _____

(2) _____

Which of the two kinds of light is more important and why? _____

12. From John 9, what happens to people like the Pharisees who talk about God but do not walk in the light?

13. Why do people love darkness rather than light? _____

14. From John 10:10, what do Satan and his thieves come to do to us, the sheep?

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

15. What has the good shepherd come that we may have? _____

16. What did Jesus say about Himself to show how He cares for those who follow Him? Answer by writing John 10:11:

17. Who today are like the hired man who runs away from the sheep when the enemy comes?

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Questions from Week 6.

18. What did Jesus say would come because of the death of Lazarus? _____

19. After saying that He is the resurrection and the life, what did Jesus promise whoever lives and believes in Him? _____

20. What made the people think that Jesus loved Lazarus? _____

21. Before His crucifixion, what did Jesus do in Bethany that showed His power over death and made the Jews want to kill Him very much? _____

22. What did Mary, the sister of Lazarus, do to show her love to Jesus before His death? _____

23. If we want to have life through Jesus, what must we do differently from the crowd who followed Jesus into Jerusalem? _____

24. What did Jesus have to do in order to bring life? _____

25. What did He say He would do when He was lifted up from the earth? _____

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When you know all these answers, go back to page 82. Hide the answers you have written. Try to answer all the questions.