

*Hope Today*  
*January – April 2022*

## **Daily Study**

**for Program Series**



# **discovering Jesus**

*a study of The Gospel of John*

**Week 10: March 7- 11**

The following series of daily readings, questions, and prayers have been designed by Pastor Tom Cullen to lead up to the program for the coming week. There are five daily studies for each week. Allow about 20 minutes a day to complete each one.

A video that will take you deeper into the text is available at [lightnlife.ca](http://lightnlife.ca)

Program Schedule  
*Discovering Jesus*

March 13 - Discovering Jesus at a funeral (John 11:1-16)

March 20 - Discovering Jesus in a parade (John 12:12-19)

March 27 - Discovering Jesus in an act of service  
(John 13:1-17)

April 3 - Discovering Jesus at Prayer (John 17:1-8)

April 10 - Discovering Jesus on Trial (John 18:28-40)

April 17 - Discovering Jesus in the resurrection  
(John 20:1-18)

April 24 - Discovering Jesus in second chances (John 21)

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## Program Series Study Guide

# discovering Jesus

*a study of The Gospel of John*

*Monday*

**Read**

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❖ John 11:1-16

**Study**

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1. What do we learn about the relationship between Jesus, Lazarus, Mary and Martha?  

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2. Why do you think the sisters sent word to Jesus that Lazarus was sick?  

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3. Given Jesus' relationship with the family do you think it strange that Jesus waited? Why did He delay His going to the family? (*verse 4*) When you think of the different personalities of the sisters and of Lazarus, do you find any comfort from verse 5?  

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4. In verse 8 the disciples react to the idea of going near Jerusalem with shock. What important lesson did Jesus teach His disciples? (*verse 9*)

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5. Why does Jesus finally decide to go to Bethany? (*verse 14*)

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## Notes

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- ❖ John 11:4 “Jesus does not mean that this sickness is not fatal, but that it will not end – ultimately – in death. Far from it: it will end in resurrection from the dead, and that for God’s glory. The thought is akin to 9:3 ... The death of Lazarus will prove to be for God’s glory – not ‘in order that God may be glorified, i.e. praised’, but ‘in order that God’s glory may be revealed’, since in John ‘glory’ is more commonly not the praise that is God’s due but His revelation, His self-disclosure.”<sup>1</sup>

## Reflect

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- ❖ John Moore writes, “God’s timing is always perfect. His delays are not His denials. He waits in order to be gracious. God’s delays are always good for us; they test our motives, they test the reality of our faith, they test our patience, and they are for our good. Christ acted in accord with His Father’s will, and He moved when He told Him.”<sup>2</sup> Is God delaying a response to a desire of yours at the moment? What do you think He’s trying to teach you?

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<sup>1</sup> D.A. Carson, *The Gospel According to John, The Pillar New Testament Commentary*, (Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing, 1991) 406.

<sup>2</sup> John Moore, *Plug into Power, the Gospel of John* (Stouffville, Ontario: John Moore Evangelistic Ministries Association, 1996) 38.

## **Pray**

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- ❖ It has been said that the greatest prayer we can pray is, “.. *not as I will, but as you will*”. Let that prayer be the focus of your time with God today.

## **Memory Verse for the Week**

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John 11:25-26

**Read**

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❖ John 11:17-27

**Study**

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1. Describe the situation at Martha and Mary's home (*verse 17-19*). What do you think is the mood?

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2. As Martha approaches Jesus what might she be feeling?

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3. Martha expresses some expectations of Jesus – describe them.

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4. What is Jesus' declaration?

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5. Martha's statement of faith in verse 27 reminds us of the John's purpose statement for this gospel (John 20:30-31). If you only knew these few verses, would you be able to predict what would happen next in John 11?

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## Reflect

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- ❖ Make a list of all the I am statements of Jesus so far (John 4:25,26; 6:35; 8:12; 10:7, 11; 11:25.) Which of these speaks to you the most at this time? Why?

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## Pray

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- ❖ Take time to give thanks to God for the truths that we have been studying. Ask Him to give you opportunities to share these truths with others.

## Memory Verse for the Week

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John 11:25-26

**Read**

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❖ John 11:28-37

**Study**

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1. Why do you think Martha and Mary greet Jesus with the exact same words? How are their greetings different?

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2. In verse 33 we read that Jesus was “*deeply moved in spirit and troubled*”. This actually is stating it mildly. The Greek word *embrimaomai*, can refer to the *snorting* of horses and suggests anger, outrage or emotional indignation (used again in verse 38). Why do you think Jesus feels this way?

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3. Why would Jesus weep at this time?

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## **Reflect**

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- ❖ What did you learn about Jesus in our passage today?

## **Pray**

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- ❖ Our Lord is deeply moved and troubled by the sorrows of His people. Today, do not hesitate to tell Him your heartaches, your problems and fears knowing that He cares about you.

## **Memory Verse for the Week**

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John 11:25-26

**Reading**

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❖ John 11:38-44

**Study**

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1. Martha objects to Jesus' command to take away the stone. Why? How is this different from her statement in verse 22?

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2. The major lesson that Jesus wants to teach is in verse 40. Notice the order of the verbs. Compare this sequence with John 11:25 and John 10:38. Do you ever say, "Show me and then I'll believe"? How is this different from the order that Jesus gives us?

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3. Why do you think Jesus prays? Notice the verb tenses that Jesus uses. Is the structure of the prayer different from your own? How?

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4. What does this miracle reveal about Jesus? His authority? His mission?

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**Reflect**

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How does your relationship with Jesus affect your view of death?

**Pray**

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Give thanks to God for the living hope that we have in Jesus Christ.

**Memory Verse for the Week**

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John 11:25-26

**Read**

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❖ John 11:45-57

**Study**

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1. What is the main concern of the chief priests and the Pharisees?

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2. What does Caiaphas argue? How would his words come true?

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3. How does John interpret Caiaphas' words?

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## Notes

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- ❖ John 11:49 Caiaphas was high priest for eighteen years. When John says that he was high priest “that year” he is obviously saying that Caiaphas was high priest that particular year, that memorable year, that fateful year.

Caiaphas does not realize that his words are prophetic. Nor was he aware of the fact that God was working so that humanity’s wrath would be a means to further the purposes of God, to God’s praise.

## Reflect

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- ❖ In the closing verses of this section we see people getting ready to worship God and other people planning to murder Jesus at the same time. See how it is a picture of John 1:11-12.

## Pray

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- ❖ Ask God for eyes to see Him at work. Pray that He would keep you from spiritual blindness.

## Memory Verse for the Week

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John 11:25-26

