

# HIStory – Week 3

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## Day 15 - Jesus raised Lazarus from the Dead – Part 3

Read John 11:38-44

At this stage, Jesus is at the tomb and His friend has died, and He shows up to the funeral where people notice him weeping and were whispering amongst themselves about Jesus' love for His friend. But then some of them were confused, and possibly a little angry, at Jesus because they believed that He could have come sooner and healed Lazarus and avoided this whole situation, in their eyes, death was final and nothing more could be done.

Jesus was in an uncomfortable situation. Have you ever turned up to a social event and people are criticizing you or blaming you for something that they believed was avoidable?

There was still so much doubt about Jesus' divinity and whether or not He was God's Son, so Jesus put those doubts to rest by doing the ultimate miracle bringing the dead back to life.

1. Lazarus' resurrection poses an important question: When you die, do you fully expect that your next conscious experience will be hearing the voice of Jesus calling you?

## Day 16 – Jesus foretells His death.

Read Luke 19:31-34

Imagine you knew when you were going to die- you the place, and how you were going to die- what would you do? I know that I would avoid going to that place at all cost, and would also develop a phobia of whatever it was that was going to kill me.

Jesus knew what was going to happen, and by the sounds of this verse, He knew that he wasn't going to die peacefully surrounded by those He loves.

1. What impact do you think this had on Jesus' life?
2. Does this have an impact on how you see Jesus? The fact that He knew how and where He was going to die?

## Day 17 – Blind Bartimaeus

Read Mark 10:46

Bartimaeus had faith. It is that simple. For one, he was blind, and yet he recognized that Jesus was coming. And then he straight up asked Jesus for his sight while having faith that Jesus would give him what he asked for.

Have you ever been afraid to ask God for something? Why?

## Day 18 – Jesus and Zaccheaus

Read Luke 19:1-10

Judging by the crowd's reaction, Zaccheaus was a crooked tax collector who was ripping people off for years. The fact that Jesus wanted to eat with him was outrageous to the crowd.

Jesus looked past the sin, he looked past people's opinions of Zaccheaus, and He looked at the potential.

Zaccheaus was willing to pay back 4 times what he owed to those he took from. It is through his faith that his behavior changed.

1. Has your faith resulted in action?

## Day 19 - Jesus washes the Disciples Feet

Read John 13:1-17

In Jesus' time, the slave would come and wash the guests feet before the meal. Jesus wrapped a towel around his waist, as the lowliest slave would do, and washed and dried his disciple's feet, he lead by example.

An important thing to note is that Jesus washed ALL of his disciple's feet, including Judas'.

1. Have there been times when it was hard to love someone and serve them because of what they have done to you?

## Day 20 – The last Supper

Read John 13:21-30

Jesus knew that Judas was going to betray him, and yet, he was treated as the honored guest (known by where he was sitting and the fact that he was served first). This shows His unconditional love, there is nothing that can make God love us any less.

## Day 21 – Jesus Agonizes in the Garden

Read Luke 22:39-46

Was Jesus trying to get out of His mission?

It is never wrong to express our true feelings to God (so long as they are don't involve violence). Jesus exposed His dread of the upcoming trials but He also reaffirmed his trust and commitment to God. The cup he spoke of was the terrible agony He would endure and the horror of the crucifixion.

1. Has God ever called you to do something that you didn't want to do?
2. Did it bring you closer to Him?