

BRMC Small Group Study: John 11:28-57

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Lesson Objectives:

- To observe how God is glorified through our faith.
- To see how the Jewish leaders in their self-interest attempted to deny God's glory.
- To see how this passage kicks off the events that led up to the crucifixion.

Observation

1. What emotions are observed when Jesus reached Lazarus' household?

2. Describe how Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead? (*John 11:39-44*)

3. What were the various immediate reactions after the resurrection of Lazarus?

Interpretation

4. Why did Jesus weep (*John 11:33-35*)?

5. What is the purpose of this miracle?

6. How does faith allow one to see God's glory? Read *John 11:40* and *Deuteronomy 1:32-35*.

7. Why do you think the Jewish leaders reacted as they did in John 11:48?

8. Explain Caiaphas' words in John 11:50, "Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." (John 11:48-52)

9. What is the significance of the Passover here (John 11:55)?

Application

10. When was a time you had great faith and saw God reveal his glory? Was there an occasion where, looking back, you wished you had more faith to trust in God's work?

11. What are some situations (at home, at work, in church, or in your relationships) where your desire to preserve the status quo may have caused you to be blind to God's glory?