

THE Story

Lesson 14 Chapter 25 Jesus, the Son of God (Pt 2) p.358-363

1. Describe in a few words the most joyous funeral that you ever attended.
2. On the bottom of p.358 Jesus receives word that his friend Lazarus was sick. Why do you think Jesus delayed two days before setting out to see Lazarus?

When was the last time God seemed to delay in answering your prayers?

How did it turn out and how did it help you grow?

3. When Jesus made the decision to return to Judea, he was warned by his disciples to rethink that decision. (top of page 359) Later Thomas appears for the first time on the stage of Scripture and says, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." Some have condemned Thomas for being pessimistic and some have commended him for being totally committed . How would you interpret his words?

4. Once they arrived, Martha went to meet him while Mary stayed home. Why do you think Mary made that decision?

Martha then makes three correct but limited statements....how does Jesus' answers reveal that He had greater power than she knew?

5. On the middle of page 360 we have the shortest verse in the Bible...."Jesus wept." If you had been there, how would you have felt? Can you think of another place in the Gospels where we are told Jesus cried?

What is He teaching us about the fact that God created us with the ability to release our emotions through tears?

6. What is significant about the repetition that Lazarus had been in the tomb four days?

7. What is Jesus' prayer before calling Lazarus from the tomb meant to teach us?

8. Why do you think this miracle created faith in some but hatred in others?

9. What did Caiaphas mean by his words recorded on the middle of page 361?

How might his words have been interpreted by God?

10. On the bottom of page 361 we read how people were bringing little children to Jesus. What childlike characteristics do you think Jesus was commending here?

How does childlikeness relate to the reception of the kingdom God?

11. In contrast to children entering the Kingdom, we are then introduced to a rich young man. (p.361-362) What seemed to be the young man's assumption about the nature of goodness?

How did Jesus challenge this?

12. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....sins to avoid & examples to follow

about our God... His promises to claim & His character to embrace