

Dealing with Death

What do you plan to do (or not do) this Halloween?

Read John 11:1-57.

1. What fascinates people about death?
 - A. Every person will die sometime.
 - B. Stories about people who died and came back to life to tell about it.
 - C. Stories about people who communicated with dead people.
 - D. It takes us from the natural to the supernatural.
 - E. Trying to find out when we will die.
 - F. A recent death of a friend or loved one forces us to deal with death.
 - G. Each culture has its own way of relating to death.
 - H. Halloween is more than candy for children.
 - I. Other.

2. How did Jesus relate to death in the story of Lazarus?
 - A. He seemed oblivious to it.
 - B. He orchestrated it to reveal God's glory.
 - C. What we usually think of as "death" is only "sleep" to Jesus.
 - D. Jesus has the power to resurrect humans from the dead.
 - E. Jesus stayed away for fear of the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem (vs. 8).
 - F. Jesus wept (vs. 35), which means _____.
 - G. The BIG resurrection happens at the end of the world (vs. 24).
 - H. Jesus turned tragedy into God's glory and Christ's divinity.
 - I. Other.

3. Why did the disciples object to returning to Judea?
 - A. They didn't have any friends there.
 - B. Lazarus was sleeping, so there was no need for Jesus to heal him.
 - C. They had left when the Jewish leaders tried to stone Jesus.
 - D. The disciples feared for their own lives.
 - E. They had no idea that Jesus could resurrect someone from being dead.
 - F. They felt jealous about all the attention Jesus gave Mary and Martha.
 - G. They preferred the Sea of Galilee.
 - H. It's a very long walk.
 - I. Other.

4. What does this chapter tell you about the resurrection of the dead?
 - A. Not much.
 - B. Much.
 - C. It's real.
 - D. Jesus is the One who makes it happen.
 - E. You have to die before you get eternal life.
 - F. Resurrection happens at the end of time.
 - G. God gives eternal life to believers the moment they believe.
 - H. Believers might "sleep" but they won't "die."
 - I. Other.

5. Why did Jesus weep?
 - A. Sorrow over the death of Lazarus.
 - B. Sadness because nobody believed He could resurrect Lazarus.
 - C. He faced so much constant pressure that this was a breaking point.
 - D. No one knows for sure.
 - E. No one believed Jesus had the power to resurrect right then.
 - F. His disciples remained clueless, fearful of their own survival.
 - G. He knew some of the people there would soon crucify Him.
 - H. Other.

6. How do you relate to death?
 - A. Death scares me.
 - B. I hardly ever think about it.
 - C. I think about death a lot.
 - D. Death seems inevitable and unstoppable.
 - E. When a young person dies it really shocks me.
 - F. I think something about a person goes on after that person dies.
 - G. This takes us into supernatural powers—good and evil.
 - H. There's a "death" like sleep, and there's an "eternal death" forever.
 - I. Other.

7. How is your life affected by someone else's death?

8. How is your life affected by the death and resurrection of Jesus?