

Miracles

Waiting for a Miracle

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." John 11:1-4 NIV

(Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister, and Lazarus.) So when He heard that he was sick, He then stayed two days longer in the place where He was. John 11:5-6 NASB2020

Therefore when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled, and He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. John 11:33-35 NASB2020

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." John 11:38-44 NIV

Other Key Scriptures

John 11:17-29 NASB2020

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's one small way you saw God move in your life this week?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Is it easy or difficult to believe in miracles? How could the stories in the Bible remind you that God can do anything?
- **Read John 11:5-6.** Think of a time when you felt like you were waiting on God. What did you do during that time?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Talk about a time when you prayed for a miracle and you saw God move. What was that experience like, and how did it grow your faith?
- Is there a miracle you're currently waiting on and praying for? Where are you needing to believe in God again?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, You are always good, You always have a purpose, and You can work miracles. Please grow our faith in You. Help us to pray bold prayers and believe that You're still at work in our lives today. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- **This week, spend time praying about the miracles you're needing in your life.**
- **Find more *Miracles* resources: www.go2.ic/miraclesresources**
- **Start *The Miracles of Jesus Bible Plan* using Plans With Friends: www.go2.ic/miraclesplan**
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.