

Miracles of Jesus

that overpower death

Where does death come from?

There are five incidents of people rising from the dead in the Gospels.

- Jesus raises a 12-year-old girl from the dead.
- Jesus raises a widow's son from the dead at Nain.
- Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from the dead.
- Holy people who had died are raised to life after Jesus' death on Friday.
- Jesus rises back to life on Sunday, the third day.

Read Matthew 9:18-26.

Looking at both miracles, comment on the things Jesus is capable of.

Luther commented that we must learn a new language and speech in talking about death.

What language does Jesus teach us in this account?

Read Luke 7:11-17.

How do Jesus' words and actions in this account make you feel?

How would you have reacted if you had been there to witness this miracle?

Read Matthew 27:50-53.

What is significant about the timing of this miracle?

Why do you think this miracle happened?

Jesus' raising of Lazarus is a high point in Jesus' miracles. It is also extremely instructive.

Read John 11:1-16.

Why did Lazarus die?

What new language does Jesus teach us about death?

Read John 11:17-37.

Jesus' interaction with Martha is the heart of this account.

"Your brother will rise again." Why did Jesus say it that way?

How does Jesus explain what *"I am the resurrection and the life"* means?

In your own words describe what Jesus did for Martha.

What made Jesus cry?

Read John 11:38-44.

The whole account comes down to three words. What is significant about that?

Why did Jesus do this miracle?

Why is Jesus' own resurrection the ultimate miracle?