



JESUS ON THE MOVE

TALK IT OVER

Don't Lose the Gospel

Jesus on the Move - Part 2, Week 1

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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the questions provided or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions at the end of the document.

Scriptures

Matthew 9:9–13, Mark 2:13–17, Romans 1:16–17, Romans 5:9–14, Romans 3:19–28, John 11:1–44, John 3:16–17, Ephesians 2:4–9

Questions

1. C.S. Lewis described “chronological snobbery” as the tendency to assume that whatever is newer is automatically better. Why do you think people often equate “new” with “better”? Share an experience when you replaced something old with something new. Did you find the new thing to be better? Why or why not?
2. Romans 1:16–17 (CSB) says, “*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith.*” In an ever-changing world, what is anchoring you? How have you personally experienced the power of the gospel in your life?
3. John 11:1–4 (ESV) says, “*Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, ‘Lord, he whom you love is ill.’ But when Jesus heard it he said, ‘This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.’”* How is Jesus glorified in the story of Lazarus? In what ways do we sometimes make our faith more about ourselves (e.g. performance, successes,

failures, needs) rather than about God's glory? As recipients of God's grace and mercy, how can you bring glory to him even when he chooses not to change a situation?

4. Read Romans 5:12-14 aloud. John 11:5-16 (ESV) says, "Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.' After saying these things, he said to them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.' Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'" How do these passages teach us that the gospel is not just something we believe in because it makes our lives better but the difference between life and death? Like the disciples, we tend to minimize the seriousness of sin which causes us to lose sight of how much we need Jesus. What helps you recognize your ongoing need for him?
5. John 11:17-27 (ESV), "Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.'" According to these passages, what do faith, grace, Jesus' sacrifice, and our works have to do with our relationship with God? Justification is God's gracious act of forgiving our sin and declaring us to be in right standing with him through the blood of Jesus, received by faith and not by our works. How can you be more mindful of and grateful for God's grace instead of continually striving to prove yourself to him or others through good behavior, achievements, or religious activity?
6. John 11:38-44 (ESV) says, "Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to

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them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'" How does this passage illustrate sanctification, the ongoing process of God changing us after salvation? Where have you seen God gradually transform your character, habits, attitudes, or relationships? What is one thing God is asking you to change to become more like him?

Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*

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