

The Ultimate Wonder

Quest Book:
Chapter 22

John 11:17-46

A. Distinction Between Lazarus and Jesus

1. Jesus wept.

“When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ‘Where have you laid him?’ He asked. ‘Come and see, Lord,’ they replied. Jesus wept.”

John 11:33-35 (NIV)

2. Lazarus slept.

“Then the Jews said, ‘See how He loved him!’ But some of them said, ‘Could not He Who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’”

John 11:36-37 (NIV)

3. Lazarus came out wearing his grave clothes.

“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 11:43-44 (NIV)

4. Jesus came out without His grave clothes.

“Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.”

John 20:6-7 (NIV)

B. Similarities between Lazarus’ and Jesus’ resurrections

1. Both resurrections involved opposition.

“Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in Him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.”

John 11:45-46 (NIV)

“The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.”

Acts 4:1-2 (NIV)

2. Both involved Jesus’ power over death.

“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.”

John 11:38-41a (NIV)

“But God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him.”

Acts 2:24 (NIV)

3. Both demonstrated the identity of Christ as the Son of God.

“Then Jesus looked up and said, ‘Father, I thank You that You have sent Me. I know 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.’”

John 11:41b-42 (NIV)

“Jesus said, ‘Do not hold on to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to My brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.’”

John 20:17 (NIV)

C. A Unified Message of Future Hope

1. We will leave the things of this world behind.

“For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.”

1 John 2:16-17 (NIV)

2. There will be a transition from mortality to immortality.

“...in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.”

1 Corinthians 15:52-53 (NIV)

3. Evil and death will never have the final word. Jesus is the final Word.

“When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’ ‘Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’”

1 Corinthians 15:54-55 (NIV)

Bottom Line:

Jesus is, and always will be, the final Word.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

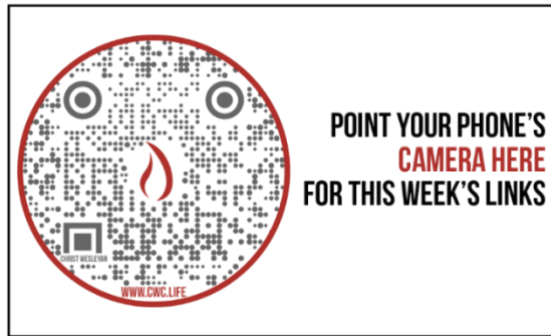
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Next Sunday: A new series:
Objection!

The Case for Jesus' Divine Claims

Week 1: The Authority of Forgiveness
Quest Book: Chapter 23

Milton Campus: Pastor Holly Mestach
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 118.5%

Giving year to date: 89.3% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,701

Salvations to date: 74 | Baptisms to date: 51

“**Reach** the One” Campaign Update

158 – Pledges with 399 Total Participants

\$2,127,634.74 - Donations Anticipated by Nov. 2027

\$1,221,061.21 - Received Donations – 31% of \$4M Goal

Want to pledge, donate, or learn more?

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Upcoming Happenings:

Sunday, September 14th – Born to Be Brave (Father/Son)
Event 6:30-8:30p

Wednesday, September 17th – Worship Onboarding @ 6p

Pick up the latest copy of “CWC Now The Magazine” in the foyer today for more information about all the happenings here at CWC.

Notetakers are History Makers

Looking for your next step at CWC?

Welcome Party – 1st Sunday of Every Month

- If you are new or if you've been around a bit and are looking to build friendships with others, our Welcome Party is for you! **Get to know others** who are newer at CWC as well as our welcome team and our pastors in a relational environment. There will be light refreshments and the opportunity to hear about our small groups, baptism, and your next step of Growth Track. If you're asking the question, “*How can I make friends here,*” then this is for you! No registration is required, you can just show up. Look for the signs on the first Sunday of the month.

Growth Track – 3-week class on Sunday Mornings or Wednesday Nights

- Growth Track exists to help you learn about the vision of CWC, the gifts God has given you, and how you can use them in specific opportunities to serve at CWC. You'll learn amongst others of how to become a vital part of the ministries of the church so that we can share the light of Christ with our communities. If you miss a class, don't worry! Growth Track runs every month and we even have an online option you can participate in (though we recommend in-person if you can). You can see what classes are available by going to bit.ly/cwcgrowthtrack.

Membership Class – Once a quarter on Sundays after 2nd service

- Membership class is the last step of fully assimilating at CWC. Learn about our denomination, The Wesleyan Church and the bigger movement we are a part of across the world. This 3-hour class with the lead pastor provides you a place to **ask important questions about our beliefs as a church** and allows you to become eligible for our local board of administration. You also become eligible for denominational events like our district and general conferences. To sign up for our next class, let us know at the Hub or email: loretta.paulhamus@cwc.life