

The Resurrection and the Life
John 11:1-5, 17-44

Review:

1. When we trust in Christ, our spiritual death is undone as we are no longer separated from God
2. Only Jesus, the Son of God, has the power to bring people to life from spiritual death
3. We only gain this new life by having Christ, the One Who is the resurrection and the life, living within us

Go further: Read II Kings 4:8-37

1. In verse 8, Elisha goes to Shunem. Who showed him hospitality there?
2. How did she make provision for Elisha in verses 9 and 10? Why did she want to do this?
3. When given the opportunity for Elisha to do something for her, how did the woman respond in verse 13? What does this say about her desires and priorities?
4. What promise did Elisha make to the woman in verse 15? How was this promise fulfilled?
5. What happened to the child in verses 18 and 19?
6. What happened to the child in verse 20?
7. Where did his mother place the child in verse 21?
8. Where did his mother go in verses 22-25? Whom did she tell about her errand?
9. What did the woman tell Elisha's servant Gehazi in verse 26? Why do you think she said this?
10. What did the woman say to Elisha in verse 28? Why do you think she explained her problem in this way?
11. What does Elisha tell his servant to do in verse 29?
12. What did the child's mother insist on doing in verse 30? Why do you think she said this?
13. What did Gehazi report to Elisha in verse 31?
14. In what situation did Elisha find the child in verse 32?
15. What did Elisha do in verse 33?
16. How did Elisha make contact with the child in verse 34? Why do you think he did this?
17. What happened to the child in verse 35 as a result of Elisha's prayers and actions?
18. How did the Shunammite woman react to the good news in verse 37?

Apply:

1. Have you ever had to trust God in the face of a seemingly impossible situation? Did your experience strengthen your faith in God? Why or why not?
2. Why do you think the Shunammite woman didn't want to tell anyone but Elisha about the death of her son? Have you ever had a problem that you only wanted to tell God about? How did God answer your prayers?
3. Compare the way Elisha raised the Shunammite's son with the way Jesus raised Martha and Mary's brother. How does the faith of all of these women inspire you to trust God with your most serious problems?