

## Let's Talk: Day 295-One Story

Jesus' Raising of Lazarus – Jesus Raises Lazarus & the Pharisees Plot  
Jesus' Death

Today's Reading: John 11; John 12:9-11; Romans 8:9-11

Lazarus came out of the tomb still wrapped in grave clothes. Play a silly game and wrap a few family members' legs up in toilet paper and then challenge them to race across the room. Does this make Lazarus the first zombie?

Questions:

1. What did Jesus do after He heard Lazarus was sick? Why did He wait? What was the response of Thomas?
2. What did Jesus do when He saw Mary and the other women crying? Why do you think He did that?
3. How did He raise Lazarus from the dead? Have you ever thought about the power of His voice? What do you imagine it will be like when we get to hear it someday?
4. What was the response of the Pharisees to the resurrection of Lazarus? Why wouldn't they be happy to see God at work? What did they try to do to Lazarus later?

## Let's Talk: Day 296

Jesus' Ministry across the Jordan – Marriage, the Rich Young Ruler, & Sacrifices for God

Today's Reading: Matthew 19; Mark 10:1-30; Luke 18:15-30

Imagine Jesus in His human form spent a whole day with just you. What would you do together?

Questions:

1. What were the disciples' attitudes toward children? How did Jesus respond? What are the three ways He interacted with the kids? Which would you have enjoyed the most?

2. Besides keeping the commandments, what does Jesus tell the rich ruler to do in order to inherit eternal life? What did the response of the ruler tell you about his heart? What would be the hardest thing for you to give up in order to follow Jesus?
3. Do you think this means rich people can't be saved or just that it's tough for them to not depend on their wealth?
4. What promise do we hear from Jesus that should give us confidence no matter what task lies before us? Have you ever memorized or claimed this verse in a difficult situation? If so, explain.

### **Let's Talk: Day 297**

Jesus' Final Trip to Jerusalem – The Parable of the Laborers & the Right Hand of Jesus

Today's Reading: Matthew 20:1-28; Mark 10:31-45; Luke 18:31-34

It is against our culture today to put other people ahead of yourself but that is the example Jesus gave us. Practice serving each other today. Catch each other in action.

Questions:

1. For how much did the laborers agree to work? Why might some people think this is unfair? Is it unfair?
2. What did the mother of the sons of Zebedee ask? How did Jesus respond?
3. According to Jesus, if you desire to be first, what should you do? How is this different from what society teaches?
4. What does Jesus prophesy will happen to Him in Jerusalem? Why don't the disciples understand?

### **Let's Talk: Day 298**

Jesus' Ministry Jericho – Zacchaeus, the Parable of the Talents, & Healing the Blind

Today's Reading: Luke 19:1-27; Matthew 25:14-30; Mark 10:46-52

Everyone should know the classic "Zacchaeus" song. If you don't know it, watch a version of it on YouTube. How small do you think Zacchaeus was?

Questions:

1. Why were some people upset that Jesus was going to eat with Zacchaeus? Why was he disliked?
2. In the parable, what did the three servants do with the money given to them? Who did Jesus praise? Who did Jesus rebuke? Why?
3. What is Jesus trying to teach us through this parable? How well do you handle the “riches” He has given you?
4. How did blind Bartimaeus receive his sight? Do you call out to Jesus as boldly when you need His help?

### **Let's Talk: Day 299**

Jesus' Triumphal Entry – Entering Jerusalem, Cleansing the Temple, & Cursing the Fig Tree

Today's Reading: Matthew 21; Psalms 118:19-29; Zechariah 9:9

Older family members give the younger ones donkey rides. Make a path with your extra clothes. Older option: before you start reading, pick a praise song to sing together. Remember that God loves a joyful noise over an “in tune” one.

Questions:

1. Jesus arrived in Jerusalem knowing that many people wanted to kill Him. How did He make His entrance? How did this fulfill the prophecy of Zechariah 9? How did the people publically respond?
2. Imagine what the sights and sounds of that entrance was like. All of your life you had lived under Roman rule when you know your Bible promised someday a Jewish king would come and free you. What would you have been thinking?
3. Afterward what did Jesus do in the temple? Why?
4. In the parable of the two sons, which son made the right choice? Which son are you more like? Why?

### **Let's Talk: Day 300**

Jesus' Debates with Religious Leaders – Debating the Pharisees, Sadducees, & a Lawyer

Today's Reading: Matthew 22; Romans 13:1-7; Psalms 110:1

Romans 13 calls the government God's minister and this was when some evil emperors were on the throne. Take some time today to pray for our government leaders and for you to have a Romans 13 attitude towards them.

Questions:

1. How is the kingdom of heaven like the marriage of a king's son? Who came to the wedding feast?
2. How did Jesus answer the question of whether or not one should pay taxes? How often do you think about giving to God that which is His?
3. Have you ever met someone who just wanted to argue with you about Jesus but didn't really want to know the truth? What should you do in those cases?
4. What does Jesus say are the two greatest commandments? How well do you live them?

### **Let's Talk: Day 301**

Today's Reading: Weekly day OFF

Weekly Review: Think back on this week's reading. What story stands out to you and why? As a family, pick a verse from the week to meditate on or memorize.

Ask your family, what did you learn about Jesus this week?