

# Week 2 Monday, April 7th



Read John 11:1-46. John is found in the New Testament after Luke and before Acts.

What is the main point of this passage? What do we learn about the character of Jesus?

What is communicated as the point of the work of Jesus?

How does the work of Jesus impact those who followed him, his disciples?

How would this work focus, impact those who chose to follow him now?

**Prayer:** In this passage Jesus prays and asks God to revive the life of a friend in order that the glory of God may be shown. This is a prayer of intercession, praying on behalf of another. Take some time to think of friends or family for whom you could pray.

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Tuesday, April 8th



the GOD experiment

Read the following excerpt from Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), "The Five Ways". This is the second way.

The existence of God can be proved in five ways

...“The second way is from the nature of the efficient cause. In the world of sense we find there is an order of efficient causes. There is no case known (neither is it, indeed, possible) in which a thing is found to be the efficient cause of itself; for so it would be prior to itself, which is impossible. Now in efficient causes it is not possible to go on to infinity, because in all efficient causes following in order, the first is the cause of the intermediate cause, and the intermediate is the cause of the ultimate cause, whether the intermediate cause be several, or only one. Now to take away the cause is to take away the effect. Therefore, if there be no first cause among efficient causes, there will be no ultimate, nor any intermediate cause. But if in efficient causes it is possible to go on to infinity, there will be no first efficient cause, neither will there be an ultimate effect, nor any intermediate efficient causes; all of which is plainly false. Therefore it is necessary to admit a first efficient cause, to which everyone gives the name of God.”

What are the primary components of this argument?

Do they have a logical sequence and conclusion?

What are some questions that this line of reasoning brought about for you?

How does this fit with your current understanding of how the world works?

Pray: The first Bible study we accomplished was from Genesis 1:1-2:3 had to do with God being the first cause. Spend some time to thank God for being a first cause.

# Week 2 Wednesday, April 9th



Read Luke 7:11-17.

What are the events of this passage?

Which portion most amazes you? Why?

Context for aiding further understanding of the passage: Culturally the death of the only son of a widow was a devastating event. A woman in this time period had no real way of securing an income. She would have been provided for by the community but would never be confident in her next meal.

Now that you know these important cultural pieces think of the responses of those present. Why do the people react with fear and worship?

How does the impact of this story change once the cultural piece is clear?

What does this story communicate about the character of Jesus?

Pray: Pray an intercessory prayer for those who have no way of providing for themselves. And ask God for the ability to see when you can help with the provision needed.

# Week 2 Thursday, April 10th



Read Luke 7:1-10. Pay close attention to the centurion's understanding of Jesus.

Context for aiding further understanding of the passage: The Roman's are occupying Israel at this time. The centurion is a high ranking soldier in the Roman army. It is very uncommon for the Romans to have kind feelings toward the Israelites.

What does the centurion believe about Jesus?

Why is it amazing that the centurion would believe this about Jesus?

What is communicated to those around Jesus and the centurion through the view held of Jesus by the centurion?

What about the centurion prompts Jesus to say, "not even in Israel have I found such faith"?

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What does this tell us about what Jesus asks of his followers?

How does this impact our relationship to Jesus?

Pray: Ask God to help you to have a clear understanding of who he is and what he wants/asks from you.

# Week 2 Friday, April 11th



Read Mark 4:35-41. Take special note of all the details in the account.

Context for aiding further understanding of the passage: The disciples have been traveling with Jesus and have seen him perform many miracles (healing a withered hand, a paralytic, illness, leprosy). Jesus had been teaching all day and is exhausted. The disciples are fishermen and know how to handle a boat, but at this time many would not know how to swim. The boating that was done during this period of time was also restrained to within sight of land. The amount of fear brought on by a storm would have been great.

What would be going through your mind if you were in this boat? What about the other boats?

What is it that the disciples want from Jesus when they wake him?

How does Jesus respond?

What does the response cause the disciples to question?

What is Jesus communicating in this event?

How does this apply to our lives?

Pray: Ask God to continue to bring a clear understanding of His character to you.

# Week 2

## Sat. & Sun, April 12th & 13th



**Church Service:** If you are regularly attending a church, please continue to do so and answer the applicable questions. Everyone else please choose a church from the list provided and answer the following questions concerning the experience. There are many types of churches in our area. This is a gift in that we can see the different character traits of God exhibited in the whole of the church worship experience.

What does the set up of the church (decorations, platform, seating, etc.) tell you about the congregation's understanding of God's character?

How does the structure of the service communicate the character of God?

What were the main points of the teaching portion of the service?

### Local churches

**Artisan Church:**  
1235 S. Clinton Ave. 14620  
Sunday 10AM & 5PM (ASL Interpretation)  
artisanchurch.com

**Browncroft Community Church:**  
2530 Browncroft Blvd. 14625  
Sunday 8:45AM, 10AM (ASL Interpretation), & 11:15AM  
browncroft.org

**Father's House:**  
692 Paul Rd. 14624  
Sunday 9AM & 11AM  
tfhny.org

**Grace Church:**  
@ Rochester Christian School  
260 Embury Ext. 14625  
Sunday school 9:15AM, Sunday Service 10:30AM  
gracechurchpca.org

**Mosaic:**  
@ MCC, 1000 E. Henrietta Rd. 14623  
Sunday 10:30AM  
ourfuturetogether.org

**North Baptist:**  
2052 ST. Paul St. Rochester 14621  
Sunday 8:30AM, 10AM, 11:30AM  
northbaptistchurch.org

**Open Door Baptist:**  
350 Chili-Scottsville Rd. 14428  
Sunday 9:30AM & 11AM  
opendoorchili.org

**Trinity Alliance Church:**  
12745 Spencerport Rd. 14606  
Sunday 10:30AM  
gateschurch.com

**Trinity Communion Charismatic Episcopal Church:**  
759 Winona Blvd. 14617  
Sunday 10AM  
trinitycommunion.org

Any other Church or on-campus service are welcome

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