

Known For Love

Raise The Dead (Week 3)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

We will be known for love when we offer the words of life found in Jesus alone.

Key Scriptures

Holding her hand, he said to her, “Talitha kum,” which means “Little girl, get up!” And the girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up and walked around! They were overwhelmed and totally amazed. Mark 5:41-42 NLT

Then he walked over to the coffin and touched it, and the bearers stopped. “Young man,” he said, “I tell you, get up.” Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! And Jesus gave him back to his mother. Luke 7:14-15 NLT

Then Jesus shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in grave clothes, his face wrapped in a head cloth. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him go!” John 11:43-44 NLT

Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die...” John 11:25-26 NLT

We misunderstand the stakes, and underestimate our opponent.

We must:

1. Know the stakes.

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 NLT

2. Know our opponent.

For Christ must reign until he humbles all his enemies beneath his feet. And the last enemy to be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians 15:25-26 NLT

3. Offer words of Life.

For “Everyone who call on the name of the Lord will be saved.” But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!” Romans 10:13-15 NLT

Start talking.

- What are things where we misunderstand the stakes, and underestimate our opponents?
- How does that phrase apply to whether we have shared our faith with others?

Start thinking.

- Read Mark 5:41-42, Luke 7:14-15, and John 11:43-44. For each passage, answer the following questions: What was at stake? Who/what was the opponent?
- Read John 11:25-26. Jesus finishes this thought by asking Martha very personally, “Do you believe this?” Do you believe this? Do those around you know you believe this?
- Read John 11:45. What was the response to the words of life that Jesus spoke?

Start sharing.

- Read Romans 6:23. How does that define the stakes for us?
- Read 1 Corinthians 15:25-26. How does viewing Death as our opponent impact our lives?
- Romans 10:13-15. What keeps you from sharing the words of life found in Jesus with others?

Start doing.

- Who do you need to share the words of life from Jesus with?
- Write their name(s) down and pray over them daily. Ask God to give you opportunities to build a deeper relationship and to share honestly with them.

Closing prayer.

Lor, Jesus I praise you! You alone have the words of life! You alone are the name above all names! Salvation, grace, and eternal life are found in no one else. Help me to daily understand the stakes and not to underestimate the shortness of life. Give me the courage to speak your words of life to those you put in my life.