

Participant's Guide 1

LAZARUS

I. Celebrating Christ as Advocate

1 John 2:1: A helper who intercedes on someone's behalf. This verse tells us when Christ went to heaven, He does not lose interest in His people but serves as their Advocate with the Father. (Andrews Study Bible). Why not this week praise God for having Christ as your Advocate. When do you feel the need most in having Christ as your Advocate?

II. **Read this week's story:** Raising of Lazarus, Luke 10: 38-42; John 11: 1-44; *Desire of Ages*, Chapter 58

III. For Meditation

a. **John 11: 23-27:** Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."²⁴ Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"²⁷ She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

How is the belief in the resurrection of the dead an anchor point to your faith? _____

b. ***Desire of Ages page 528.2*** When Jesus delayed 4 days to go to Help/heal Lazarus: "Therefore Christ remained away. He suffered the enemy to exercise his power, that He might drive him back, a conquered foe. He permitted Lazarus to pass under the dominion of death; and the suffering sisters saw their brother laid in the grave. Christ knew that as they looked on the dead face of their brother their faith in their Redeemer would be severely tried. But He knew that because of the struggle through which they were now passing their faith would shine forth with far greater power. He suffered every pang of sorrow that they endured. He loved them no less because He tarried; but He knew that for them, for Lazarus, for Himself, and for His disciples, a victory was to be gained."

Have you ever wondered about the reason Christ seems to delay in His responses to your requests? Perhaps there are other factors He must consider. Reflection

IV. Prayer this week:

1. Five People who need your prayer support;
2. Your Church in its witness for Christ;
3. Your Family it will be close and united.
4. The leaders of your church, conference, city and province.

5. That you will have the courage to leave your comfort zone to fulfill a calling from God.