

Scripture Passage:

John 11:32-44

Key Verse: *"Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"* - John 11:40

1. Understanding All Saints Day

All Saints Day is about honoring every person who has faithfully journeyed with Christ, not just the famous saints. It's a time to remember those who taught us, prayed for us, and shaped our lives through their faith. The lives they lived remind us that our faith journey is a shared one, supported by a "cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1).

2. Jesus at Lazarus's Tomb: Sharing in Our Sorrow

In John 11, we see Jesus at the tomb of His friend Lazarus, deeply moved by the sorrow around Him. Jesus doesn't distance Himself; instead, He steps into the pain and loss, ultimately calling Lazarus back to life. This moment shows us Christ's compassion, His power over death, and a glimpse of the resurrection promised to all who believe in Him.

3. The Power of Resurrection Hope

Jesus's raising of Lazarus reveals a hope that overcomes even the darkest of situations. Like Martha, we sometimes think it's "too late" for certain parts of our lives. But Jesus challenges us to trust that God's power can bring life where we see only death. This hope isn't just for the end of our lives; it's a hope that shapes how we live each day, knowing that Jesus walks with us through every joy and struggle.

4. Living as a People of Hope

The saints who have gone before us remind us to live with faith, courage, and purpose. We honor them by carrying the message of Jesus to others. Our faith is meant to be shared, a light for others to find their way to Christ. Just as the saints influenced our lives, we are called to make an impact on those around us, inviting them into the hope and love we have in Jesus.

5. Call to Action

- **Reflect** on the saints in your life who have influenced your faith journey.
- **Embrace Resurrection Hope** in your daily life, trusting God to bring new life to what seems “too far gone.”
- **Share the Gospel** with those around you—friends, family, and neighbors—so that they, too, may experience the love and grace of Jesus.

Prayer

Lord, we thank You for the saints who have gone before us, whose lives remind us of Your promises. Strengthen us to live with the same faith and hope in the resurrection. Comfort those who mourn and renew our hearts with the assurance of new life through Jesus Christ. In His holy name, we pray. Amen.

Thought for Reflection:

“Because of Jesus, we have a hope that stretches beyond what we can see or understand. Let’s live as bearers of that hope, sharing it with others.”

Thank you for joining us in honoring the saints and embracing the hope of resurrection. May we be a people of hope, courage, and faith.