



HANOVERDALE CHURCH

Gospel of John

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

DEVOTIONALS FOR THE WEEK OF:

May 18, 2025

This week we dig deeper in the realm of becoming interconnected with others who can support you in your Christian life.

Monday: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Why are two or three better than one when living life? From your own experience, what happens when you are living life alone? Why does God not want you to push people away or isolate yourself from others in the Christian community? Have you ever or maybe you are now, feeling overwhelmed by life? In whom can you confide to gain strength?

Tuesday: John 11:1-6

Who was Lazarus? What sort of relationship did he have with Lazarus and his sisters? Why did Jesus not go to Lazarus and heal him when he was sick? What does that tell you about God in relationship to your problems and needs? How can God be glorified through our pain? Today spend time praising God in the midst of your trials and suffering.

Wednesday: John 11:7-8

What attitude did His disciples have about going to Judea, the area where Lazarus had lived? Why were they opposed to going? What were the people in Judea trying to do to Jesus? What did they think Jesus meant when He said that Lazarus had fallen asleep? With no urgency, there was no need, especially if he was only sleeping and the townsfolk were riled up. But was this an emergent situation? Today, what is your emergency? Give to the Lord. Allow His timing to be perfect.

Thursday: John 11:9-16

What is the difference between walking in darkness vs. walking in the Light? What was Jesus really saying with these words? How can you keep from stumbling in darkness here? Lazarus' situation was bleak and darkness was falling in. Are you in a dark, hopeless place today? Don't give in and lose hope. Turn to the Light. Let Jesus change the darkness to light. His grace has no measure.

Friday: John 11:17-31

What had happened to Lazarus? What theological truth was promised about him by

Jesus? When did she assume that would be? What deeper truth did Jesus reveal about himself? Why is that important that He is the resurrection? What changed because she listened and believed that truth? Did she gain any hope? Do you believe that there is a resurrection? If you are a believer, where do you go the moment you die? Do not be afraid of death.

Saturday: John 11:38-44

What was Jesus' condition like? What does that mean? Can God do the impossible? What was Martha's understanding of the resurrection? What did Jesus ask of her? Sometimes when you know something (for Mary that there would be a resurrection) you need to act on it. Then you will be blessed. What was the action required of her? Why was she not very willing to do so? What was the blessing that she would receive if she did? What happened when the stone was rolled away? Was Lazarus really dead before? What did he come out smelling like? What did he have for clothing? Why do you think that Jesus had his neighbors and relatives unwrap the grave clothes? Do you have the stench of sin still clinging to you? Can you remove sin's grave clothes by yourself? Who can you trust to help you? Pray and then go ask them to help you.

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