

## St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

*EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2024! Leading to Worship Sunday, November 3, 2024*

### Reading: John 11:32-44

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's You Tube channel. This week, we consider All Saints Sunday, and rest assured that Jesus is with us in our celebration and sorrow. Click here:

<https://youtu.be/mAq7XVzYjSg> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

### Three Points

- As these verses of John 11 begin, Jesus appears to have arrived late – Lazarus has already been dead for four days. Mary even says, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” (John 11:32)
- Jesus weeps with everyone, as others also wonder, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” (John 11:37)
- Jesus says a prayer to God (even though he knows God has already heard him), and then commands Lazarus to come out! And Lazarus does come out.

### Two Questions

- Jesus already knew God had heard his prayer; doesn't that mean that Jesus already knew Lazarus would be raised? Why did Jesus share in the sorrow and weeping? What does that tell us about our own sorrow (regarding death) even as we feel joy (regarding salvation)?
- How often do we have the reaction of Mary at the beginning of this story? If Jesus had “been there,” God could have saved us from our trials and sorrow. Did Mary mean it as a statement of faith, or an accusation? Do you notice (and what does it mean to you) that Jesus does not laude her faith or push back against her accusation?

### Action Step

- Take joy in All Saints Sunday, but be confident that Jesus is with you in the sorrow you feel for the loved ones who have gone before us!

*Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?*

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!