



NEWSLETTER

Tanglewood Bible Fellowship

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The Mission of TBF is to glorify God (Psalm 86:11-13; 115:1 and 1 Peter 2:12; 4:16) by actively participating in the ongoing fulfillment of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) as a body of believers (1 Cor 12:13; 1 John 5:1-5) who collectively/individually (Phil 1:27) serve our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom 12:1-2) and one another (Phil 2:3-4) functioning as a spiritual Greenhouse (Eph 4:11-16) such that by our interactions together we are catalyzed to grow (Acts 2:42) and to reproduce (Acts 2:47) spiritually

The Resurrection

"I am the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:25) is the fifth of the seven "I am" statements of Jesus. Lazarus was dead. Earlier, Jesus had heard that His good friend was sick, but instead of going to visit Lazarus, Jesus "stayed where he was for two more days" (John 11:6). He explained to His puzzled disciples that the sickness was "for God's glory, that God's Son may be glorified through it" (v. 4). After Lazarus died, Jesus began a journey to Bethany, Lazarus's home. Significantly, when Jesus informed His disciples that Lazarus was dead, He simply said His friend was "asleep, but I am going there to wake him up" (John 11:11).

Outside Bethany, Lazarus's sister Martha went out to meet Jesus. "If you had been here," she said, "my brother would not have died." Such was her faith in Jesus' power to heal. Jesus replied by assuring Martha that her brother would rise again. Martha responded again in faith: "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." At this point, Jesus makes His fifth "I Am" statement in John's gospel, "I am the resurrection and the life," and He follows it with a call to faith: "He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:21-24).

When Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life," He was claiming to be the source of both. There is no resurrection apart from Christ, and there is no eternal life apart from Christ. Beyond that, Jesus was also making a statement concerning His divine nature. He does more than give life; He *is* life, and therefore death has no ultimate power over Him. Jesus confers this spiritual life on those who believe in Him, so that they share His triumph over death (1 John 5:11-12). Believers in Jesus Christ will experience resurrection because,

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Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 AM MEETING AT TANGLEWOOD

Adult Services AND Children's (0-12 years) Programs – No Youth (teens) Program at this time.

Masks are encouraged. Required if you want to sing during praise/worship.

Wednesday P.M. Service: 7:00-8:00 PM ZOOM MEETINGS ON-LINE

Meeting Group ID: 367 622 575

A Word from Pastor David Shields

The beginning of a new year is a great time to reflect on new beginnings. It is a chance to look back over the previous year and dream about what the future may bring. The year 2020 has been a period of time that I think everyone is ready to say goodbye and let go. With a vaccine coming out around the world there is hope that maybe this year we can put COVID and everything with it behind us.

What has been on my mind entering the new year are these two verses from Lamentations 3:22-23.

**22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end;
23 they are new every morning;
great is Your faithfulness!**

I love that these verses come in the midst of the prophet Jeremiah's lament. He says this while looking over the complete destruction and desolation of his country and his city. In the midst of all of that death and suffering Jeremiah has hope. Because every new day brings new mercy and new grace from God.

I have no idea what 2021 may hold for you, or for the future of our church. I have hopes and dreams, but there is no telling what may actually come. Here is what I do know. Every single day of 2021 God's steadfast love will remain. Every morning His grace is new. Every afternoon is a new chance to remember the beauty of the gospel. Every evening He will still have been faithful.

2021 may not turn out how we dream. The pandemic may continue. Suffering and hardship may follow us. But we can have hope no matter what comes. His mercy and grace will never end. So make your New Year's resolutions even if you know you'll fail again. Dream about the beauty that could come. And most importantly have hope. Our God is on the throne. And His faithfulness is great.

Pastor David

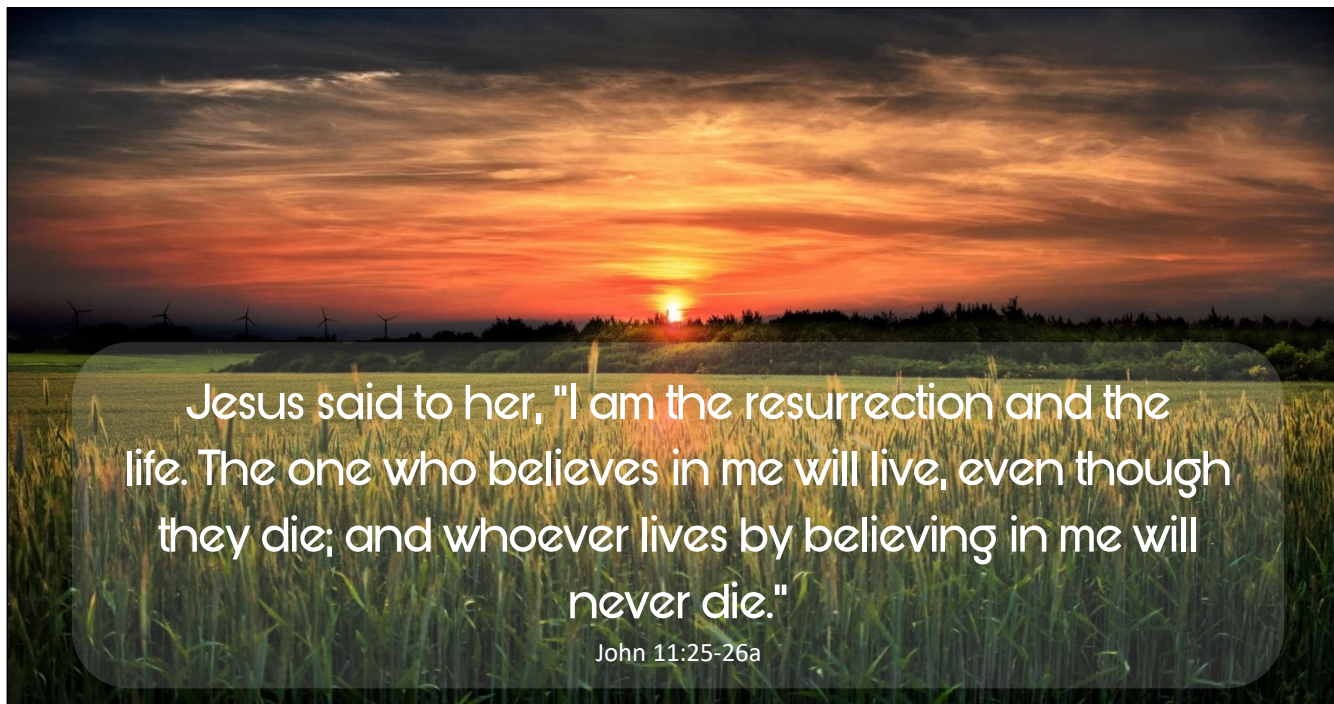
having the life Jesus gives, it is impossible for death to defeat them (1 Corinthians 15:53-57).

The grieving Martha wished that Jesus had arrived earlier so He could have healed her brother. And when Jesus spoke of resurrection, Martha assumed He was speaking of “the resurrection at the last day.” In both statements, Martha reveals that she considered Time an insurmountable obstacle. In effect, Martha was saying, “It’s too late to help Lazarus (the time is past), so now we must wait (allow more time).”

Jesus shows that neither death nor time is an obstacle to Him. Outside the tomb, “Jesus called in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come forth!’ The dead man came out” (John 11:43). It’s one thing to claim to be the resurrection and the life, but Jesus proved it by raising Lazarus, who was four days dead. Truly, with Christ, death is but “sleep” (1 Thessalonians 4:13). Death has no dominion over Him who is Life itself, nor does death have dominion over those who are in Him (1 Corinthians 15:54-55). Because He lives, we live. Because He is Life, we have life eternally.

Jesus’ statement that He is the resurrection and the life provides a godly perspective on several spiritual matters. Martha believed that the resurrection is an event; Jesus showed her (and us) that the resurrection is a Person. Martha’s knowledge of eternal life was an abstract idea; Jesus proved that knowledge of eternal life is a personal relationship. Martha thought victory over death was a future expectation; Jesus corrects her, showing that victory is a present reality.

After presenting Himself as the resurrection and the life, Jesus asks Martha an all-important question: “Do you believe this?” (John 11:26). May Martha’s answer be ours as well: “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God who was to come into the world” (verse 27).



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

John 11:25-26a

Jesus, Son of God

Chris Tomlin 1972-

A Texan native, Chris Tomlin was born May 1972. He has two younger brothers. In 1994, Chris earned a degree in psychology from Texas A&M and had considered continuing his education in the field of medicine.

Although Chris started writing worship songs at the young age of 14, it wasn't until his time at Texas A&M with a group called Breakaway that his writing and vocal career took off. He is a worship leader at Passion City Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Tomlin married Lauren Bricken on November 9, 2010. Together they have two daughters, Ashlyn and Madison. They live on a 25-acre estate on the outskirts of Franklin, Tennessee.



Christopher Dwayne Tomlin

With his passion for medicine, it is no surprise that, in 2014, Chris Tomlin became a member on the board of directors of CURE International, a nonprofit organization that provides medical care to children in the developing world. In April 2019, Tomlin and his wife Lauren started Angel Armies, a nonprofit organization that works to bring people and ministry organizations together to attempt to solve issues related to vulnerable youth in the United States.

Some of his most well-known songs are "How Great Is Our God", "Our God", "Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)" and his cover of "Good Good Father".

You came down, from heaven's throne
This earth You formed, was not Your home
A love like this, the world had never known
A crown of thorns, to mock your name
Forgiveness fell upon Your face
A love like this, the world had never known

On the altar of our praise
Let there be no higher name
Jesus Son of God
You laid down Your perfect life
You are the sacrifice
Jesus Son of God
You are Jesus Son of God

You took our sin
You bore our shame
You rose to life
You defeated the grave
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You laid down Your perfect life
You are the sacrifice
Jesus Son of God
You are Jesus Son of God

Be lifted higher
Than all You've overcome
Your name be louder
Than any other song
There is no power
That can come against Your love
The cross was enough
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TBF Men's Ministries



God's Grace and Love in Noah's Time

Thursday Evenings 6:30pm – TBF Youth Room
January 7th and January 21st

The **STORY OF NOAH** is one of the most recognizable stories of the Bible. It tells a story of the **DEVASTATION** of **SIN** and its **JUDGEMENT**. **BUT** it also tells a story of the **GRACE** and **LOVE** of **GOD**!

A 3-week mini-series Bible study focused on the time of Noah that is more in depth than the children's fun story of cute animals and a family bobbing merrily along in a boat. Led by Wolfgang Deeg. Participants will meet to discuss what has been learned from reading relevant chapters and answering supplied questions. Questions, Notes, and Podcasts are available for download from Bible Study Fellowship. Contact Wolfgang for details. rockdoc00@cableone.net

*I consider that our present sufferings
are not worth comparing with the glory
that will be revealed in us.*

Romans 8:18

TBF *Women's Ministries*

Elijah: Faith and Fire



Priscilla Shirer offers a 7-session journey through the life and times of the prophet Elijah, discovering how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine. And how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now. In this study, you will reap many benefits. You will learn to understand the value of seasons of growth and testing in your spiritual maturity. You will be encouraged to wait on God's good work in your heart and mind, even in seasons when you feel like no one sees. You will learn to trust in the goodness and faithfulness of God and His purposes for your life...

Sounds wonderful, doesn't it?

The Lord provided perfect answers to the questions of what study would be offered and whether it would be a face to face or a ZOOM study. Everyone loves Priscilla Shirer so when this brand-new study was announced, we knew this was the answer to the first question. The second question was to determine the better venue, face to face or ZOOM...the answer is BOTH, yes, BOTH!!! We are aware there are women who prefer to participate in a face-to-face venue. We also know there are those who prefer a ZOOM study. Thankfully, we are in a position to offer BOTH venues.

Beginning January 26th (the 4th Tuesday in January), we will offer a face-to-face DVD study in the TBF Uth room while simultaneously offering a digital ZOOM study for those who prefer to stay at home. Both venues (face to face and ZOOM) will be conducted from 6-7:30 with a facilitator in each venue. All 7 sessions will be presented in this manner, meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays of February, March, and April, keeping the date and time consistent and easy to remember.

The mission statement of TBF is to glorify God, to be obedient to His calling of functioning as a spiritual greenhouse. (Ephesians 4:11-16)... We ask that you prayerfully consider a call to facilitate and/or participate, choosing the venue that best meets your needs. We hope and pray you will join us in January.

In Christ alone,
Mimi, Kitte, Linda, and Olga

Please know that this study is open to TBF women and invited guests. A sign-up sheet will be available in the foyer on January 3rd. Study guides are free to all participants. We request face masks and social distancing if you participate in the face-to-face study at TBF.

Sister-to-Sister

Card Ministry

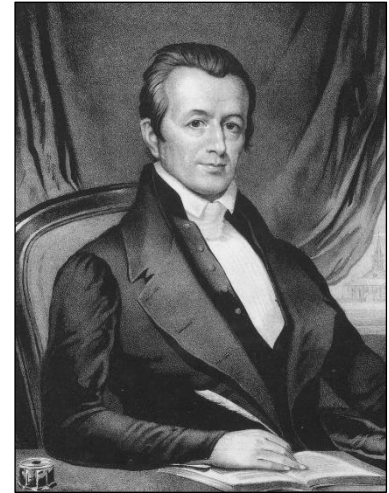
Lifting One Another Up Through Words of Encouragement

Join me in encouraging our sisters-in-Christ by sending cards of encouragement to our fellow sisters this month. For names and addresses, please send an email to powers5rus@aol.com or text 580.736.4997 with your name and the word "sisters". Further details will be provided.

Supplies provided for active TBF women or feel free to use your own

Adoniram Judson

Adoniram Judson was born on August 9, 1788, in Malden, Massachusetts. He was born to Adoniram Judson, Sr., a Congregational minister, and Abigail (née Brown). Judson entered the College of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations (now Brown University) when he was sixteen and graduated as valedictorian of his class at the age of nineteen. While studying at college, he met a young man named Jacob Eames, a devout deist and skeptic. Judson and Eames developed a strong friendship, leading to Judson's abandonment of his childhood faith and parents' religious instruction. During this time, Judson embraced the writings of the French philosophes. After graduating from college, Judson opened a school and wrote an English grammar and mathematics textbook for girls.



Judson's deist views were shaken when his friend Eames fell violently ill and died. Both had been sleeping in separate rooms at an inn, and Judson heard the death throes of the person next door, only to learn from the clerk the next morning that his anonymous neighbor had been Mr. Eames, who had indeed died. The shock of learning the dying neighbor's identity - and that Eames had led Judson away from the Christian faith into skepticism but was now dead - returned Judson back to the faith of his youth, although he was already attending the Andover Theological Seminary. In 1808, Judson "made a solemn dedication of himself to God". During his final year at the school, Judson decided upon a missionary career.

In 1812, Adoniram married Ann Haseltine and two months later traveled to Calcutta, India to minister to the Hindu people. Unfortunately, the local and British governments didn't want the gospel to be shared in India. After being pushed out by the East India Trading Company the next year, Adoniram moved to Burma where his ministry would reach its peak. It was on this voyage that Adoniram and his wife suffered the miscarriage of their firstborn. After reaching Burma, he found his trials had just begun.

The country of Burma was ruled by an extremely controlling king who could decide who lived and who died on a whim. Furthermore, the worship of any deity other than Buddha was forbidden, nevertheless Adoniram pursued his call to the mission field. Over the next several years, Adoniram worked to write an English Burmese dictionary and began to translate the Bible into Burmese. After six years of ministry in the coastal town of Rangoon, he baptized his first Christian convert. After the church grew to a size of 18, he relocated to the inland capital city of Ava.

Shortly after the move to Ava, war broke out in Burma and all foreigners were considered to be British spies. Adoniram was then thrown into a Burmese death prison where food and water were scarce, and any human comfort was not to be found. During this imprisonment, his wife Ann would smuggle his translation of the bible through his pillow. Adoniram would use this to minister to those around him even though he was suffering. In 1826 the war was ended and Adoniram was the translator who wrote the peace treaty between Burma and Great Britain. Later that year, he lost his wife and two-year-old daughter. After several years of grief and doubt, Adoniram Judson, the father of American missions, died at the age of sixty-two and was buried at sea.

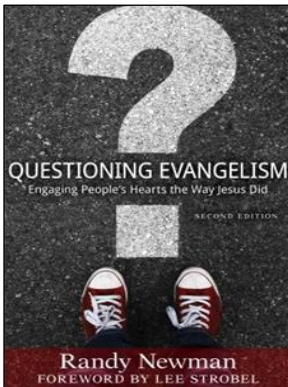
By Murray Powers

David's Book Recommendations

Like many pastors I am a big fan of books. The following books are all books you can find on my bookshelf and I would be more than happy to lend them to anyone who would like to read them.

Questioning Evangelism

by Randy Newman

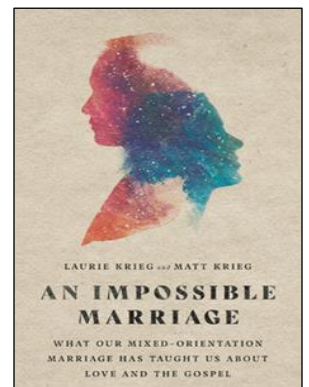


This is one of the most helpful books on Evangelism that I have ever read. He explains a style of evangelism that does not involve trying to explain Christianity, but instead asks questions. Newman demonstrates with plenty of examples how asking unbelievers the right questions can aid evangelism. This book is practical and can change the way you view evangelism.

An Impossible Marriage: What Our Mixed-Orientation Marriage Taught us About Love and the Gospel

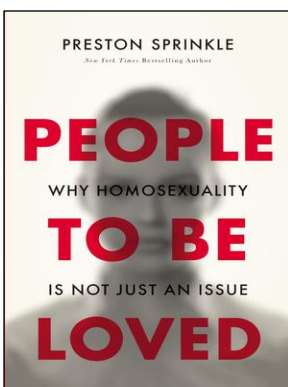
by Matt and Laurie Kreig

Matt is straight while Laurie is only sexually attracted to women. Despite both being believers, her orientation/attraction has not changed. This book tells the story of their marriage that most believers and unbelievers call impossible. This is not a book about how to have a better marriage, but instead about what marriage teaches us about the gospel.



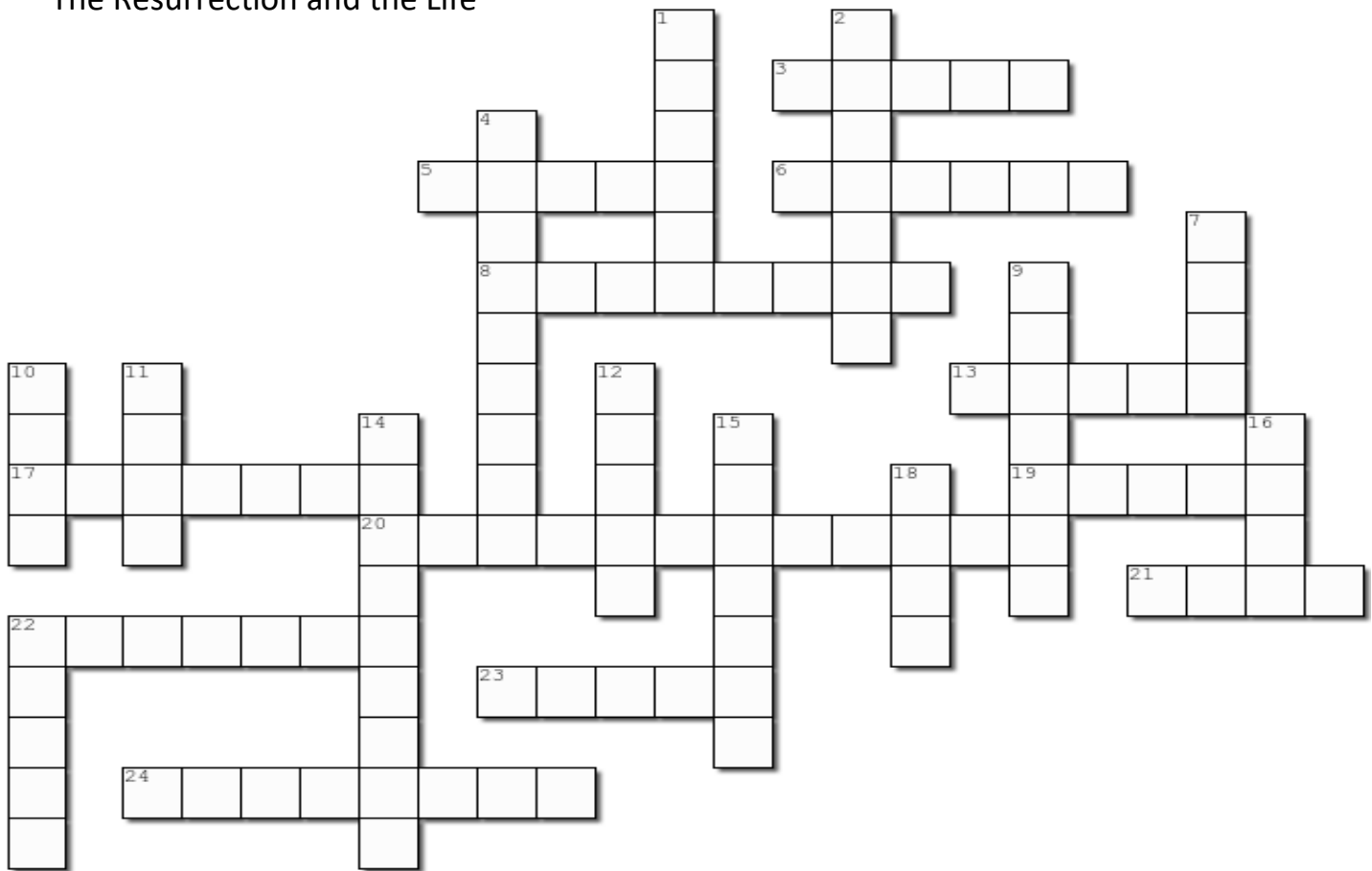
People to be Loved

by Preston Sprinkle



This book is about what the Bible has to say about homosexuality. Sprinkle's focus is on how the church needs to view this not just as an abstract issue, but that the LGBTQ+ community are people who the church should love. He evaluates passages and works through a lot of the central passages and issues surrounding this question. He holds a historical Christian sexual ethic, but his challenge is still a helpful one.

The Resurrection and the Life

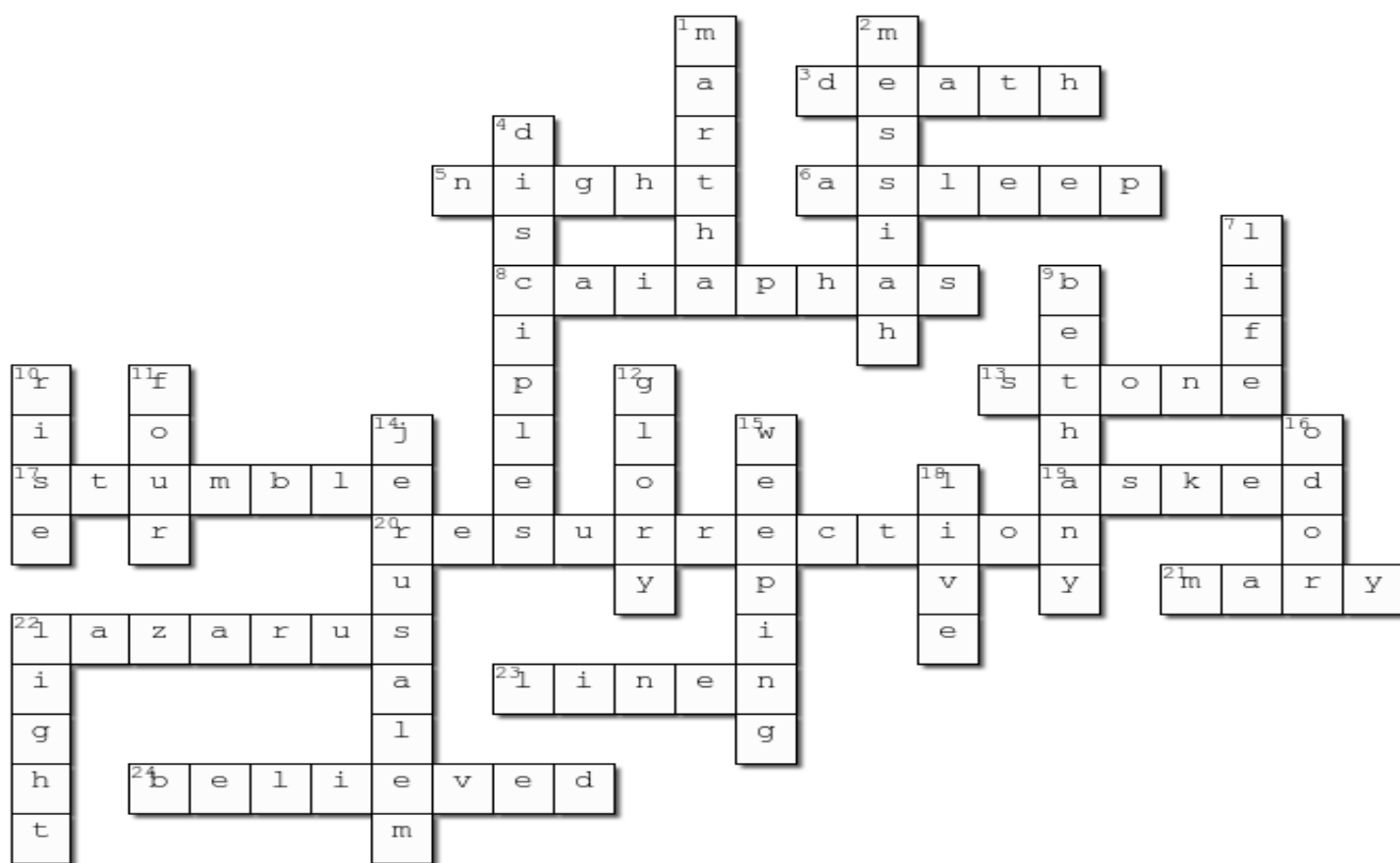


Across

3. Jesus said Lazarus' sickness would not end in _____. John 11:4
5. When a person walks at _____, he is more likely to stumble. John 11:10
6. Jesus said Lazarus had fallen _____. John 11:11
8. Prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation. John 11:49-51
13. Jesus said to take away the _____ from Lazarus' tomb. John 11:39
17. He who walks in the light will not _____. John 11:9
19. Martha believed God would give Jesus whatever He _____. John 11:21-22
20. Jesus said, 'I am the _____ and the life. John:25
21. Poured perfume on Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. John 11:2
22. The man Jesus raised from the dead. John 11:43-44
23. Lazarus's was wrapped in stirps of _____. John 11:44
24. Many Jews _____ in Jesus after seeing what He had done. John 11:45

Down

1. Lazarus' two sisters: Mary and _____. John 11:1-2
2. Martha believed Jesus was the _____, the Son of God. John 11:27
4. Jesus delayed His trip to see Lazarus so that His _____ might believe. John 11:14
7. Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the _____. John:25
9. Town where Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were from. John 11:1
10. Jesus said, 'Your brother will _____ again.' John 11:23
11. Number of days Lazarus was in the tomb. John 11:17
12. Reason Lazarus was raised from the dead - for God's _____. John 11:4
14. Bethany was only two miles from _____. John 11:18
15. Mary fell at Jesus' feet and was _____. John 11:32-33
16. Mary was concerned about the bad _____ from Lazarus' body. John 11:39
18. He who believes in Me will _____. John 11:25
22. People stumble because they have no _____. John 11:10



Across

3. Jesus said Lazarus' sickness would not end in _____. John 11:4 (**death**)
5. When a person walks at _____, he is more likely to stumble. John 11:10 (**night**)
6. Jesus said Lazarus had fallen _____. John 11:11 (**asleep**)
8. Prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation. John 11:49-51 (**caiaphas**)
13. Jesus said to take away the _____ from Lazarus' tomb. John 11:39 (**stone**)
17. He who walks in the light will not _____. John 11:9 (**stumble**)
19. Martha believed God would give Jesus whatever He _____. John 11:21-22 (**asked**)
20. Jesus said, 'I am the _____ and the life. John:25 (**resurrection**)
21. Poured perfume on Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. John 11:2 (**mary**)
22. The man Jesus raised from the dead. John 11:43-44 (**lazarus**)
23. Lazarus's was wrapped in stirps of _____. John 11:44 (**linen**)
24. Many Jews _____ in Jesus after seeing what He had done. John 11:45 (**believed**)

Down

1. Lazarus' two sisters: Mary and _____. John 11:1-2 (**martha**)
2. Martha believed Jesus was the _____, the Son of God. John 11:27 (**messiah**)
4. Jesus delayed His trip to see Lazarus so that His _____ might believe. John 11:14 (**disciples**)
7. Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the _____. John:25 (**life**)
9. Town where Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were from. John 11:1 (**bethany**)
10. Jesus said, 'Your brother will _____ again.' John 11:23 (**rise**)
11. Number of days Lazarus was in the tomb. John 11:17 (**four**)
12. Reason Lazarus was raised from the dead - for God's _____. John 11:4 (**glory**)
14. Bethany was only two miles from _____. John 11:18 (**jerusalem**)
15. Mary fell at Jesus' feet and was _____. John 11:32-33 (**weeping**)
16. Mary was concerned about the bad _____ from Lazarus' body. John 11:39 (**odor**)
18. He who believes in Me will _____. John 11:25 (**live**)
22. People stumble because they have no _____. John 11:10 (**light**)

January

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Lamentations 3:22-23

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great is Your faithfulness!**



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 Happy New Year! | 2 |
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| 10 Service 9:30 AM | 11 | 12 | 13 ZOOM-7 PM 367 622 575 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Service 9:30 AM | 18 | 19 | 20 ZOOM-7 PM 367 622 575 | 21 Men's Bible Study- Noah 6:30 PM TBF | 22 | 23 |
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| 31 Service 9:30 AM | | | | | | |