

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 12-14.

God promises to re-awaken and restore his people with a new life and Spirit.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 8-11.

The Holy Spirit, who is the gift of the risen Christ to us, is the guarantee of our future resurrection. We are invited to follow the Spirit's inspiration and to die to our sinful inclinations.

Gospel: John 11: 1-45.

Lazarus' resurrection is the sign that Jesus is the resurrection and the life for all those who believe in him.



Points for Reflection

The resurrection of Lazarus, described in **today's Gospel**, is the third baptismal sign by which St John wants to reveal Jesus to us, especially to those among us who are going to celebrate the Sacraments of Christian Initiation on the coming Easter Vigil.

St John, when describing Lazarus' resurrection, wants to make us firmly believe that Jesus, who had the power to raise Lazarus from physical death to natural life, has also the power to raise us to a new, imperishable and fuller life with him and the Father, in the Holy Spirit.

Who can possess this life, which even physical death cannot destroy, and by which we can be real children of God? All those who are united with Christ. This means: all those who believe in Jesus Christ and follow him; all those who, like him, are willing to live and die daily out of love for God and their brothers and sisters.

Through faith and baptism we are plunged into the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. That means: by faith and baptism we accept to live a life of love, no matter the cost, with the firm conviction that this is the only way for us to find true, genuine life for ourselves and the whole human family. The New Creation will come into full existence, and a new, endless and blissful era for mankind will begin, if we, overcoming all obstacles on our way, become one family, united by justice and love.

If we love one another, the seed of the risen Jesus' imperishable life takes root in us already here on our earthly pilgrimage; we are already risen with him, because his Spirit, who is a Spirit of love, is already *"dwelling in our mortal bodies, giving them true, imperishable life"*. As St John puts it in his first Letter: ***"We have truly passed from death to life, because we love our brothers"*** (1 Jn 3: 14).

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Colour the picture of Jesus and Lazarus below.

