We are members of the Oak Ridge church of Christ. We call ourselves Christians ([**Acts 11:26**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%2011:26)) and we hold to the Bible as our one and only Truth. Church of Christ is a biblical description of Christians who work together for the cause of Christ ([**Ro. 16:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%2016:16)). We are independent assemblies with no organization beyond our own number as described in [**Phil. 1:1**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Philippians%201:1). There are Christians across the world working with local congregations of God’s people such as described in [**Rev. 2**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Revelation%202)**-3**. Christians are members of Christ’s body, which is also known as His Church ([**Acts 2:47**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%202:47)**,**[**Eph. 5:23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%205:23)). Our mission is to stand for God’s truth (the gospel) and teach it to all people ([**Matt. 28:18-20**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Matthew%2028:18-20)**,**[**Romans 1:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%201:16)**,**[**1 Tim. 3:15**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=1%20Timothy%203:15)). We are accountable to our one and only Head Jesus Christ ([**Eph. 1:22-23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%201:22-23)**,**[**Col. 1:18**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Colossians%201:18)).

**Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead**

In this lesson we will be studying the account of Jesus raising His friend Lazarus from the dead and some of the events that happened after that. We will see the purpose of this miracle and the reaction of two different groups to this resurrection.

**John 11:1-16 –** Jesus receives news of Lazarus being sick, delays going to him, and interacts with His Apostles. They warn that in Judea they tried to stone Jesus **(John 8:59, 10:31).**

**John 11:17-27 –** Jesus meets Martha and does some teaching. Martha knows Jesus could have healed Lazarus’ sickness. Martha makes a marvelous confession.

**John 11:28-32 –** Jesus meets Mary and others mourning the death of Lazarus. Mary knows Jesus could have healed Lazarus.

**John 11:33-37 –** Jesus is overcome with emotions over the situation. All know that because Jesus healed the blind man (John chapter 9), that he could have prevented Lazarus from dying.

**John 11:38-44 –** Jesus prays on behalf of those present and raises Lazarus from the dead.

**John 11:45-53 –** Many believe and others want to put Jesus to death.

**John 11:54-57 –** The continued plotting of some Jews.

**John 12:1-11 –** Now we see how evil these Jews are; they also want to kill Lazarus, because he being alive caused many Jews to believe in Jesus. Rather than praising God for this wonderful raising from the dead, they want to put Lazarus to death for the reason given in **John 11:48.**

**MAN HAS NOT CHANGED MUCH**

**The answer when folks do not like something is violence. We see this in our own country.**

Those who did not like what Jesus did or taught turned to violence **(John 5:18; 7:1, 19, 25; 8:37-40).**

Things have not changed much over time **(Genesis 6:11-13).**

Similar to abortion of the innocent today, notice two instances of violence against the very young, one in the OT and one in the NT **(Exodus 1:8-16, Matthew 2:1-20).**

**CONCLUSIONS**

The blessing for us all is that Jesus is still raising the dead today **(Colossians 2:11-14, Acts 3:26, Romans 6:4)!**

In **Luke 15:24, 32** there is a reference to how the prodigal son was dead spiritually. We were all in this situation before the Lord raised us from the dead!

***How about you tonight? Do you need Jesus to raise you from being spiritually dead?*** Repent of your sins and be baptized to wash them all away. Then rise from the waters of baptism a new creature, alive to serve the Lord as He leads you through this life to eternity in Heaven!

Please check the scriptures we have covered tonight. We want to help you in any way we can. Contact us for Bible studies by telephone, e-mail, or simply come to one of our assemblies. Contact: We assemble at 225 North Purdue Ave. in Oak Ridge at 9am on Sundays and 7pm on Wednesdays; **oakridgechurch.com**; **david.barry@oakridgechurch.com****,** **murray.wade@oakridgechurch.com****;** (865) 693-1416.

For our next live program in two weeks on **August 2, 2021** we hope to study, **"Perspective.”** We hope to see you next time on "**Speaking The Truth In Love**".