

Supernatural: Mummies | October 25, 2017

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

Believe or not there are mummies in the Bible. The story of one particular mummy has significant life application for our daily lives.

Key Verse

John 11:45 (NIV)

Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Discussion

The world is rife with bewildering and downright strange things. Some people believe in UFOs, Bigfoot, ghosts, and mummies and others of us don't. Either way, there are many inexplicable things in our world.

- 1. Is there something that you believe in that you think others would find unbelievable?
- 2. What is the first thing you think of when you hear the word "mummy"?

The world is not the only thing filled with supernatural things. The Bible has many things in it that seem weird and almost unbelievable [Read John 11: 1-45]. If you stop and think about it, the Lazarus story of is essentially a story about a mummy raised from the dead by Jesus. That is *quite* supernatural.

- 3. Other than Lazarus, what are some other supernatural Bible stories or events?
- 4. Based on the story of Lazarus, what stands out to you?

Jesus raising his mummified friend from the dead can seem incomprehensible. The unique part of this story is the fact that the unbelievable nature of the story is the main point of the story. Jesus essentially explains to his disciples that people needed to truly experience God's awesome power to know that Jesus was who he said he was. Based on John 11:45 people believed because they experienced Jesus. This is still true today. Our neighbors and friends who may think Jesus was a "good guy" but probably not really the Messiah, need to experience God through our actions, love, and relationship.

- 5. What are some supernatural ways God has or is working in your life?
- 6. How can your story help those around you experience the power and love of God?

What's Next?

It seems Jesus is teaching us that people need to experience God in order to believe. This week think through the places God ha worked in your life and how you might share those experiences with other people in a way that they could experience God. Additionally, look for events or shared experience opportunities where you can further build relationships where God can show up rather than simply telling others what they should or need to believe.