

**DEFEATED**

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*John 11:1-44*



**Lesson Aim:** To learn the important difference between the defeat we feel and the defeat Jesus made possible.

**Prayer:** Open in prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to lead.

1. What are some family traditions that you have or share on Easter?
2. Why do you think that church attendance rises on Easter? What do you think keeps people from attending church on a consistent basis? How can we help get people connected?
3. **Read John 11:1-44.** Pastor Jeff's message on this scripture was titled "Defeated." What was defeated, in your opinion, and how?

4. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead so that people would believe. What are we to believe from this event? Why is this belief important?

5. If someone asked you what Easter means to you, how would you answer them?

6. Pastor Jeff had us "break the chains that defeat us" this weekend. Why do we hold onto things and habits that keep us from growing closer to God?

7. How can we be mindful of the "broken chains" so that we do not "reconnect" them?

Spend time in prayer, for yourself and each other, to have strength in these matters.

**Weekly Memory Verse:**

*John 8:12. "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*