

WALK IN THE LIGHT

Scripture: John 11:1-45

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“Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.”

~ John 11:9-10

At the 2018 WV United Methodist Conference, each church was presented with a Unity Globe Candle. The lights connect and inspire us. We have a visible reminder that Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, our loving Savior in whom we trust and with whom we walk.

In this amazing story of Lazarus, Martha and Mary sent word to Jesus that their brother was sick. Jesus deeply loved this family, but he waited. When he felt it was time to go to them, the disciples tried to talk him out of it. They had nearly been stoned in that area! Jesus reminded his disciples that they would not stumble walking with him. He had already told them *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”* (John 8:12). Thomas -- yes, the “doubter,” now courageous, although a bit pessimistic – said *“Let us go, that we may die with him.”* So the disciples walked with Jesus, not sure of what would happen, but trusting in the light for the journey.

Their walk with Jesus was full of wonders. They heard Martha declare her faith: *“Yes, Lord. I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”* They marveled at Mary’s trust, and felt Jesus’ compassion as he wept with her. The disciples heard Jesus give thanks to his Father, trusting what was to come. Then they witnessed one of Jesus’ greatest miracles as Lazarus walked from the tomb. God’s glory was brilliant.

We can be confident like the disciples, knowing that walking with Jesus gives us light to keep us from stumbling. What wonders will we witness? No matter what may lie in the path of our journey, we will see the glory of God! Let us strive to walk faithfully with Jesus. Let us thank our Father and share the light so that others may believe. When we see our unity globe candle at church, let us know that we all walk together with Jesus! What a gift!

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for your gifts in Jesus, the Light and Love that we cherish. Please always guide us as we walk in your light, to see your glory, and to share your love in the name of Jesus. In His name, Amen.

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