



Don't forget to stay connected during the week!

Every Tuesday at 7:30pm our Student United (Middle and High School) students are getting together to build a relationship among each other and with Jesus.

Would you like to serve and see what God can do IN you and THROUGH you? We would like to talk to you. Let us know through your connection card or in person with one of our leaders..

A big part of our church's DNA is going out to serve to those in need, so we want to invite you to link arms with us as we serve our community. Stay tune for our next community service events.

Every last Sunday of the month at Playas Church, we give out Care Packages. 💙 If you or someone you know needs one, feel free to sign up. Together, we support our community!

Join the STUDENTS UNITED 2025 RAFFLE and help send our youth to summer camp! 🙌 For just \$12 USD or \$250 MXN, you could win an iPhone 16E, Apple Watch, Nintendo Switch, iPad, AirPods, and more. 📅 Drawing: June 1st, 1:30 PM. Don't miss out! 🔥

Playas Church has a special space to celebrate Mother's Day. Join us this SUNDAY, MAY 11th, and let's share the joy of this beautiful day.

Hello!

Glad to see you!





JESUS RAISES LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD

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place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. 35 Jesus wept. 36 Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, man from dying?" "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this 38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 39 "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, been there four days." "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has 40 Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" 41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

John 11:1-44 (NIV)

- Jesus waits **BECAUSE HIS TIMING IS NOT OUR TIMING.**
- Jesus weeps **BECAUSE DEATH ALSO BREAKS HIS HEART.**
- Jesus will **CALL HIS FOLLOWERS BACK TO LIFE AGAIN.**

“[God] will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Revelation 21:4 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Jesus waited before returning to Bethany, even though Mary and Martha had told him that Lazarus was sick. Why do you think Jesus waited? Have you ever felt like Jesus has required you to wait? What was that experience like for you?
2. What does it tell you about Jesus' care for people that he weeps with Mary?
3. In the next chapter (John 12), we are told that the chief priests - who are already plotting to kill Jesus - want to kill Lazarus as well (see John 12:9-11). What reason would they have to seek Lazarus' death?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

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