

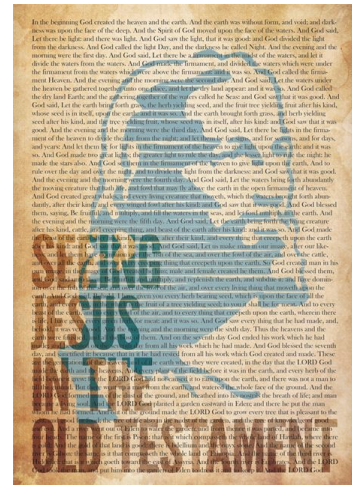


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Welcome to this month's edition of the Concordia Bible Institute (CBI) e-Bulletin.

CBI exists to provide Christ-centered Bible instruction through distinguished experts who teach "Christ in Every Word" of the Old and New Testaments. Under the direction of Dr. Brian German and in cooperation with the Department of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin, CBI offers podcasts, face-to-face seminars, and other special events to strengthen faith and spread belief in the one true God.



"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

-Martin Luther (*Luther's Works*, 25:238).

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The Raising of Lazarus

Have you ever noticed some of the similarities between the raising of Lazarus and the raising of Jesus? One of my students recently pointed out a few of them and wondered why that may be, so let's take a look at some of those and think through what their significance is for the Christian faith.

The first thing that strikes me about the raising of Lazarus is that some of the same details surrounding Lazarus' resurrection are repeated again in John's account of Jesus' resurrection. The "stone," for example, is mentioned in both narratives, along with its being taken away (Jn. 11:41; 20:1). Just as Lazarus was "bound" with linen strips (Jn. 11:44), so also will the body of Jesus be "bound" with linen cloths shortly thereafter (Jn. 19:40). Again, John notes that the face of Lazarus was wrapped up in a cloth (Jn. 11:44), and the only other time in John's gospel where this same Greek term for "facecloth" occurs is at the tomb of the resurrected Jesus (Jn. 20:7).

On top of this, if we zoom out just a bit beyond the moment of the actual raising of Lazarus, we can see even more parallels between these two individuals. For example, just as Jesus "lifted up his eyes" and said a prayer to his Father before raising Lazarus (Jn. 11:41-42), so also will Jesus lift up his eyes in prayer to his Father on the night he is

betrayed (Jn. 17:1). Again, just as Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead by crying out with a loud voice (Jn. 11:43), so also will he cry out with a loud voice again before he is put to death.

What are we to make of all this? For starters, I think it's fair to say that the raising of Lazarus is a *foreshadowing* of the raising of Jesus. In this way, the raising of Lazarus is a kind of foretaste of an even greater raising that will soon take place with Jesus himself.

At the same time, the similarities between the two accounts also show that *the raising of Lazarus is inseparable from the raising of Jesus*, like two sides of the same coin. Lazarus receives life after death only because Jesus triumphs with his life after death, becoming, as the apostle Paul puts it, "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Cor. 15:20).

And that leads to another biggie for the Christian faith: in Lazarus we see a *picture of what will happen to all those who believe in Christ*. The resurrection is not only a promise made to all Christians, but what will happen to us has already been demonstrated to us, and that quite vividly in the example of Lazarus. Yes, Lazarus is most certainly our "brother," as the narrative repeatedly refers to him, because we, too, are in the same resurrected family with him as those who live and believe in the One who is the resurrection and the life (Jn. 11:25).

Dr. Brian German
Director of the Concordia Bible Institute



CBI Fall Seminar with Dr. Dean Wenthe

Our CBI Fall Seminar was held on Saturday, October 12, 2019 on the Concordia Wisconsin campus in Mequon, WI. Attendees enjoyed studying "The Beauty of God's Gifts" featuring Rev. Dr. Dean Wenthe and had the unique opportunity to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the sacred scriptures. Thank you, Dr. Wenthe, for such an inspiring seminar.

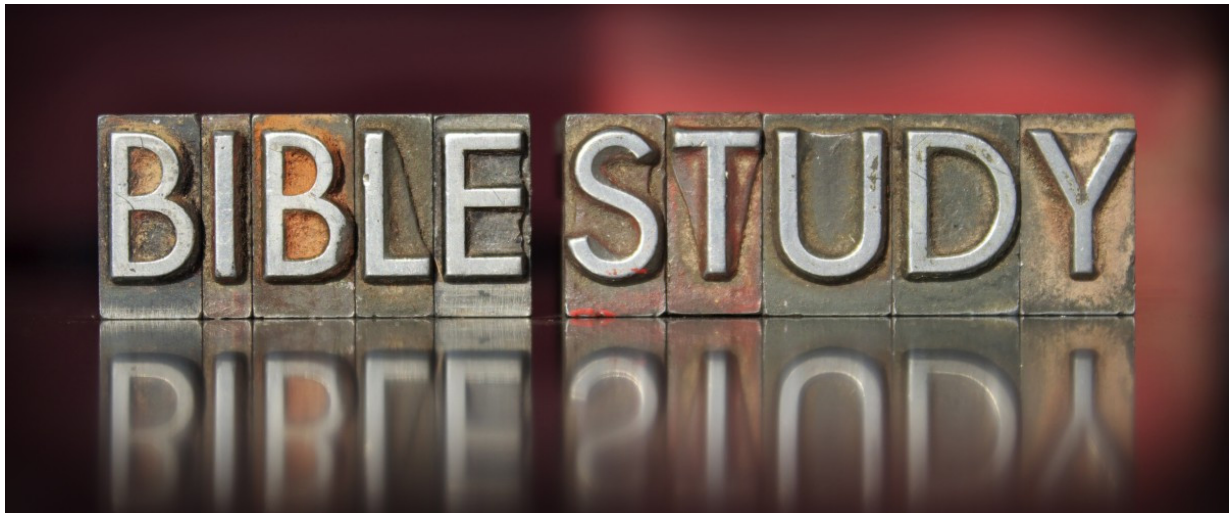
Upcoming Events

Spring In-Depth Bible Studies:

February 24, March 2, March 9, March 23, March 30, April 6

Mark these dates on your calendar for the Spring series of In-Depth Bible Studies. Come to any or all of the In-Depth Bible Studies, an amazing opportunity to hear *Christ in Every Word* from experts in their field!

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Read the Bible in a Year

Looking to add to your devotions this year? Or simply want to accomplish the goal of reading the Bible in a year? Follow along with the calendar below! A new calendar will be sent in each newsletter.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Exodus 15:1-18 Hosea 8-10	2 Psalm 122 Hosea 11-14
3 Psalm 123 Joel	4 Psalm 124 Amos 1-5	5 Psalm 125 Amos 6-9	6 Psalm 126 Obadiah, Jonah	7 Psalm 127 Micah 1-3	8 Psalm 128 Micah 4-7	9 Psalm 129 Nahum
10 Psalm 130 Habakkuk	11 Psalm 131 Zephaniah	12 Psalm 132 Haggai	13 Psalm 133 Zechariah 1-5	14 Psalm 134 Zechariah 6-10	15 Psalm 135 Zechariah 11-14	16 Psalm 136 Malachi
17 Psalm 137 Matthew 1-2	18 Psalm 138 Matthew 3-4	19 Psalm 139 Matthew 5-6	20 Psalm 140 Matthew 7-8	21 Psalm 141 Matthew 9-10	22 Psalm 142 Matthew 11-12	23 Psalm 143 Matthew 13-14
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In honor of Rev. Dr. John Saleska's legacy of teaching "Christ in Every Word" among us, CBI has established "The Concordia Bible Institute Saleska Scholarship Endowment," whose purpose is to provide financial assistance to pre-seminary students at Concordia University Wisconsin. In an age of biblical illiteracy, it is hoped that this endowment will help future pastors carry forward Dr. Saleska's lifelong conviction of teaching "Christ in Every Word" as they read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Scriptures.



Please join me in spreading the word about the origination of this endowment and by praying for its growth. For ways to contribute, please visit <http://www.concordiabible.org/contribute/> and designate "Saleska Scholarship Endowment" on your method of giving.

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