



**Visiting the zoo**  
 A small boy was at the zoo with his father. They were looking at the tigers, and his father was telling him how ferocious they were.



"Daddy, if the tigers got out and ate you up..."  
 "Yes, son?" the father asked, ready to console him.  
 "...Which bus would I need to get home?"



**The Waiting Room**

Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse goes up to the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins."

"That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!"

A nurse says to the second guy, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!" "That's weird," he answers. "I work for the 3M Company!"

A nurse tells the third man, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets!" "That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!"

The last man is groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's wrong?" the others ask. **"I work for 7 Up!"**

*"Always remember these commands I give you today. Teach them to your children, and talk about them when you sit at home and walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them down and tie them to your hands as a sign. Tie them on your forehead to remind you, and write them on your doors and gates." ~ Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NCV)*

***Where Christ is cherished, family is loved and everyone is family!***



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"I believe that a society can be judged by how it deals with its most vulnerable — the aged, the infirm, the disabled and the unborn."  
 ~ Governor of Indiana, Mike Pence

***Where There is Love***

Where there is love the heart is light,  
 Where there is love the day is bright,  
 Where there is love there is a song  
 To help when things are going wrong...

Where there is love there's quiet peace,  
 A tranquil place  
 where turmoils cease —  
 Love changes darkness into light  
 And makes the heart  
 Take "wingless flight"...

Oh, blest are they who walk in love,  
 They also walk  
 with God above —  
 And when man walks with God again,  
 There shall be **Peace on Earth**  
 for men.

***Join us each Sunday for Worship...*** ~ Helen Steiner Rice



**3 p.m. worship and praise**

**22243 Allan Road (@Adelaide Road) South of Mt Brydges**

**Thot:** "Christianity is a love relationship between a child of God and his Maker through the Son Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit." ~ Adrian Rogers

*Oh no!*

**Johnny's father:** Let me see your report card.

**Johnny:** I don't have it.

**Johnny's father:** Why not?

**Johnny:** My friend just borrowed it. He wants to scare his parents.



"Dad, are bugs good to eat?" whispered a little boy.

"Let's not talk about such things at the dinner table, son," his father replied.

After dinner the dad inquired, "Now, son, what was it you wanted to ask me?"

"Oh, nothing," the boy said. "There was a bug in your soup, but it's gone now."



### *Something to Think About...*

*"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."* [John 10:10 (NIV)] Life! Is there anything more precious? Yet so many of us fail to truly appreciate *what we have* until it's gone. We're so preoccupied by what we want in life, by what we'll do with our lives that we forget to just enjoy the life God has given to us.

Yet throughout his ministry, Jesus encountered the issue of life in its most significant moments demonstrating His will to give life. On at least three occasions He showed God's amazing compassion by *restoring* life when confronted with the grief of loved ones.

At Luke 7:11-17 Jesus brings a young man back to life – the only son of a widowed woman. She hadn't sought Jesus out but entering at the town gate of Nain he saw her and we're told *"his heart went out to her"*. Jesus went up, touched the coffin, said, *"Young man, I say to you get up!"* and the dead man sat up and began to talk. At John 11:1-44 we've the record of Jesus being summoned by his friends Martha and Mary whose brother Lazarus was very sick. Yet on receiving the news, having the urgent call, Jesus elects to remain where he is another two days. When Jesus does arrive at the home of Martha and Mary we learn Lazarus has been in the tomb for four days. Many sermons have been preached, songs have been sung and stories told from this portion of scripture. It's a favourite to offer encouragement at memorial services. It's central in the teaching of Jesus as the resurrection and the life for each of us. What is so amazing is its simplicity as again Jesus speaks, calling Lazarus to come

out – and he does! Jesus again gives back a lost one to his family. Perhaps most remarkable was Jesus intervening to bring life (Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43) through restoring life to a little girl – the twelve year old daughter of Jairus, one of the synagogue rulers. Without debate over theology or politics, having told Jairus to not be afraid – just believe, Jesus goes to their home and with the mom and dad and some of his disciples enters to see the little girl subsequently telling her to *"get up."* And again, she does and walked around the room.

The Bible records at least eight supernatural resurrections, not including Christ's own, from God's use of Elijah to Peter. In each case people were raised from the dead back to a physical existence. What was the purpose behind their being raised from death to physical life? Throughout history, physical resurrections bore examples of God's mercy, glory and power. They demonstrated God's mercy, directed attention to where God's work was being done and identified His presence with his people confirming God's commitment to a life lived with purpose and direction. We see Jesus' purpose in giving life to the widow's son, to Lazarus, to Jairus' daughter was to bring glory to God. And no one could deny the presence of God in Jesus when he had displayed such tremendous supernatural power! It was left to believe or reject him.

Because Jesus was with his disciples, we know God's power enabled Peter when called to Tabitha's death bed. Tabitha is miraculously resurrected to life, with Luke noting this incident *"became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord"* (Acts 9:42). We're not told how long each of these people lived after these miracles but their purpose was to glorify God and demonstrate life to the full. I

believe they were among the pioneers of God's early church so we'll meet them in glory.

Prior to restoring Lazarus' life, Jesus prayed to thank His Father for hearing Him *"because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that you sent Me."* [John 11:42] May we glorify God and accept Jesus as the *Sent One* of God as we live lives to the full.

### *Mark your Calendar...*

Sun June 5<sup>th</sup> – Communion  
Mondays 3:30 – 5p.m. Bible Study and Prayer *"The Minor Minor Prophets"* Parkhouse Drive  
Sun Series: *Hot Potatoes for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church* [continued]  
Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day  
Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> 2:30p.m. – **Mt Brydges Cemetery Service**