

All Saint's Sunday

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Zion Lutheran Church



*Who Are The
“Saints”*



Do They Have To Be Virgins?



Do They Have To Have Round Circles Over Their Heads?



Do They Have To Be Old & Dead?



Do They Have To Carry A Bible Everywhere They Go?



Do They Have To Look Sad?



So Who
--Then—
Are The “Saints”



Classic Definition of “Saint”

- A) a person who has died and has been declared a saint by canonization
- B) person of exceptional holiness
- C) ideal: model of excellence or perfection of a kind; one having no equal

-OR-



Definition of “Saint”

A) You and I

C) Baptized
Children of God



They Are Found In Here...





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John 11: 32-44

*“Past, Present, &
Future”*

Christ & Lazarus



32When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

33When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

34He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”

35Jesus began to weep.

36So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

37But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”




38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."

40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me.

42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."



43 When he [Jesus] had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”



“Unbind Him”

- Lazarus was bound with cloths. After Christ restored his life, He order him to be unbound.
- Martha (Lazarus’ sister) was bound by her disbelief:

40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”



“Unbind Us”

- What Things bind us?
 - our eyes
 - our experiences
 - The “God Box”

