

EXPLORING

the Scrutinies

During the season of Lent, the Church celebrates Scrutinies with the elect (those preparing to be initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil). The Scrutinies give the elect a chance to search their consciences, and to grow in their knowledge of Christ the Savior.

Each Scrutiny includes a reflection on one of the Scripture passages shown below. The First Scrutiny focuses on the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. The second focuses on Jesus and the man born blind. The third focuses on Jesus' raising of Lazarus from the dead.

With a partner, read the three Scripture passages in your Bible, and answer the following questions.

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL (John 4:4-42)

How does Jesus help the Samaritan woman?

Who does Jesus say he is? _____

Why is this a good story for the elect to reflect on during Lent?



THE MAN BORN BLIND (John 9:1-41)

How does Jesus help the man born blind?

Who do people say Jesus is? _____

Why is this a good story to reflect on during the Lenten journey of self-evaluation? _____



THE RAISING OF LAZARUS (John 11:1-44)

How does Jesus help Lazarus?

Who does Jesus say he is? _____

Why is this a good story to help the elect reflect on sin and death?

