



Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - December 13, 2020

1. Expect _____
(vv. 1-6)

John 11:1-16 (ESV)
11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." 4 But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." 5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. 7 Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." 8 The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" 9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. 10 But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." 11 After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." 12 The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." 13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, 15 and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." 16 So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

2. Remember _____
(vv. 11-15)

3. Follow _____
(vv. 7-10, 16)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read Lamentations 3:22-23. Jeremiah writes these incredible words in the midst of immense suffering. How have you seen God use trials in your life to teach you more of his character?
2. Read Psalm 27:13-14. As you encounter adversity or difficulty, how can you maintain this attitude that David had that clearly trusts God and anticipates his goodness?
3. Read James 1:2-4. While this is a familiar passage, why is it so hard to apply? What are some of the reasons that trials tend to draw us towards frustration rather than joy?
4. As 2020 comes to a close, how can you look back on this year in a way that will help you trust God even more in 2021?
5. Even though the world is a hostile place for Christians, what are some specific promises you can hold onto that you help you keep standing for Christ in the midst of adversity?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Bridges, Jerry. *Trusting God*. NavPress, 1988.

Carson, D.A. *How Long, O Lord?* Baker Academic, 2006.

Fabarez, Mike. *Lifelines for Tough Times*. Harvest House, 2018.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that God would be glorified in your life and in this church.

Pray specifically that your faith would be strengthened by what you have experienced in 2020.

Pray that our church will be strong and faithful to Christ no matter what our culture says.

Pray for gospel opportunities this Christmas.

Pray for God to provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	Gospels	N.T.
12/14/2020	Joel 1-3	Psalm 143:1-6	John 17:1-19	Revelation 14:1-20
12/15/2020	Amos 1-5	Psalm 143:7-12	John 17:20-26	Revelation 15:1-8
12/16/2020	Amos 6-9	Psalm 144:1-8	John 18:1-11	Revelation 16:1-11
12/17/2020	Obadiah	Psalm 144:9-15	John 18:12-24	Revelation 16:12-21
12/18/2020	Jonah 1-4	Psalm 145:1-7	John 18:25-32	Revelation 17:1-6
12/19/2020	Micah 1-4	Psalm 145:8-14	John 18:32-40	Revelation 17:7-18