



Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - December 20, 2020

1. Act _____
(vv. 17-27)

John 11:17-44 (ESV)

17 Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. 20 So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

2. Aim _____
(vv. 28-37)

28 When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." 29 And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. 31 When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. 34 And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus wept. 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

3. Don't _____
(vv. 38-44)

38 Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for 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 lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read John 11:25-26.** How does this passage and this text make you think differently about death?
2. **Read Hebrews 2:14-15.** What are some of the reasons you may still be tempted to be afraid of death, and what are some of the biblical reasons why you shouldn't be?
3. **Read Romans 6:15-18.** This chapter makes a clear connection between sin and death. How can the ugliness of death help you see more of the ugliness of your own sin and motivate you toward righteousness?
4. **Read Romans 15:15.** How can you do a better job at weeping with those who weep this upcoming year?
5. **Read Romans 8:15.** How does this passage encourage you to trust the power and love of God as we look ahead to a new year?

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.

Alcorn, Randy. *Heaven*. Tyndale House Publishers, 2004.

Fabarez, Mike. *10 Mistakes People Make About Heaven, Hell, and the After-life*. Harvest House, 2018.

Warnock, Adrian. *How the Resurrection Changes Everything*. 2010.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that God would give us a uniquely Christian view of death in light of who Jesus is.

Pray that more people in our community will find life in Jesus Christ!

Pray that those you know that have lost a loved one over the past year.

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

Praise God this Christmas that Jesus came into this world to save us from our sins.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	Gospels	N.T.
12/21/2020	Micah 5-7	Psalms 145:15-21	John 19:1-16	Revelation 18:1-13
12/22/2020	Nahum 1-3	Psalms 146	John 19:17-27	Revelation 18:14-24
12/23/2020	Habakkuk 1-3	Psalms 147:1-6	John 19:28-37	Revelation 19:1-10
12/24/2020	Zephaniah 1-3	Psalms 147:7-11	John 19:38-42	Revelation 19:11-21
12/25/2020	Haggai 1-2	Psalms 147:12-20	John 20:1-10	Revelation 20:1-15
12/26/2020	Zechariah 1-5	Psalms 148:1-6	John 20:11-18	Revelation 21:1-14