

John 11:28-44  
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**SERMON QUESTIONS**

*Read John 11:28-44 (Groups read it twice with two different leaders)*

*Why is grief an essential part of life when someone close to us dies? What fundamental experience and impact would we miss if we did not mourn?*

*Why does Jesus weep even though he knows Lazarus will be raised?*

*Many believe that Jesus could have saved Lazarus (v. 37) and indeed he could have. Why does Jesus allow Lazarus to die?*

*What do the events from the perspective of Mary, Marth, and Lazarus teach us about the way God builds our faith? Why is it an affront to the work and character of God to teach that a person's degree of faith determines his or her health, financial prosperity, or other things of worldly value?*

*How does this miracle fully and finally validate the other miraculous healings of Jesus in John 5 and 9? How does the raising of Lazarus proclaim that Jesus has come to inaugurate the last days? Read John 11:23-27.*

**QUESTIONS FOR KIDS**

*Why is it a big deal that Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead? Why do you think Jesus waited to help Lazarus until after he was dead, instead of helping Lazarus while he was alive?*

*Read Romans 8:37-39. Have you ever been afraid of dying or seeing someone who has died? How can these verses help you overcome that fear?*