

Five Lessons from Lazarus for Us Today - John 11:1-44

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Story of the Lazarus “CRISIS” and how should we respond in Our Covid-19 or any CRISIS?

Major crisis for his very dear friends, Mary, Martha & Lazarus.

We are in a worldwide pandemic crisis, but any crisis will do.

1) God wants to glorify His Son. V. 4

Why? V. 15. So you may believe.

What? V. 25-26 Resurrection. Pivotal event of eternity. Communion all about. God SO loved the world. John 3:16; Greater love has no man. John 15:13, 9-14 My Command: Lay down our lives for each other.

How? God wants us to trust him.

Lesson #1 for me here _____

2) He wants to teach us the importance of following Jesus (and obey what he says) even when it makes no sense. V. 8-9

Isaiah 55:8-9 “My thoughts...” Abraham sacrifice son - Genesis 22; Naaman wash leprous body in a muddy creek - 2 Kings 5:1-12

Example: Mountaintop vs. Valleys

God wants us to trust and obey him. No need for trust (faith) when everything is going smoothly. Hebrews 11:6 w/o faith.

How? Peace, Joy/fellowship, Love.

Lesson #2 for me here _____

3) He wants to open our eyes to Spiritual Understanding V. 11-16

Example: Death to God is sleeping; Thomas just didn't get it. V. 16

Psalm 91. Many people just don't believe, like Thomas. James 1:5-8

Fear opposite of faith. Expect Nada.

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4) God deals with each person differently and so must we. V. 17-37

Martha: encouraged her intellectually. V. 25-26

Mary: Encouraged her emotionally.

Saw her weeping, Jesus wept. Mourn with those who mourn rejoice with those who rejoice.
Romans 12:15; To Jew be like Jew. - 1 Corinthians 9:20

Lesson #4 for me here_____

5) Jesus prays in faith for the benefit of others because he knows that pleases God. V. 41-42

What are the greater things that Jesus is speaking about that he wants us to do that he did not do? See John 14:12-14

He has called us to raise the spiritually dead by praying for them.

Conclude with John 17:6-19, then especially verse 20. **"My prayer is...for those who will believe in me through their message."**

Lesson #5 for me here_____