



Sermon Questions

October 19th, 2025 | Scripture: John 11:5-44 – Jesus Meets Us in Our Grief

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Write down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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- 2.
- 3.

Core Questions

1. Why did Jesus stay two days longer in Bethany if he knew that Lazarus was dying?
2. What does Jesus's delay teach us about his love for Mary, Martha, and Lazarus?
3. What does Jesus's response to death show us about his attitude towards sin and his compassion towards those who grieve?
4. What does the apostle John want us to believe about Jesus by including this passage in his list of seven miracles that Jesus performs in his gospel?

Inward Grace in Action

1. Which part of this narrative was most striking to you? That Jesus waited, wept, or wins?
2. What is the hope that this passage brings not only to a funeral but to all of life and all of creation?

Outward Grace in Action

1. How can your community group work to be a community of care and hope when grief hits?
2. Who can you reach out to comfort during their time of grief right now?

For Families: Ideas of how to keep the conversation going at home, in the car, or around the dinner table:

1. A - Ask about the message: Ask your children where they turn when sadness comes into their life.
2. S – Share your thoughts: Share how Jesus feels our sorrow even more than we do and he desires us to go to him for comfort like a loving older brother.
3. K – Keep it going: Take time to bring the sad things in life to Jesus in prayer as a family. End the prayer thanking the Lord that and his death and resurrection will one day make all sad things come untrue.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 23:1-20
- 2 Samuel 18:19-33
- Psalm 34
- Isaiah 53:1-12
- Luke 19:41-44
- Romans 5:1-5
- Revelation 21:1-4

Pray: The Lord not only knows our sufferings, but has given us language to speak to him about it. Take time to read and pray through Psalm 13. This lament psalm gives us a framework to grieve by moving us from petition to praise – “For the Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit” (Psalm 34:18).

Serve: If you are in need of someone to walk alongside you in your grief, or know someone else who does, reach out to our care team. They will connect you with one of our many resources in this area:

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Look Ahead: Next week's passage is Luke 7:1-10, where we will see how Jesus meets us in our success.