

## **JESUS & LAZARUS: Death or Life** Jn.11:1-44 *Jesus' Suffering Min.* 4-2-17

Where O death is now your sting?

Seems like it's just about everywhere!

### **1. DEATH SEEMS EVERYWHERE**

#### **\* Sobering Evidence of Death**

- ~ Big news & Daily occurrence
- ~ Denial of death is high...
- ~ Death is just about everywhere in **Jn.11**, too.

#### **\* Searching For Life**

- ~ Where were you? This didn't have to happen.
- ~ In loss, Jesus says: I am the Resurrection & the Life!
- ~ Mary's deep grief deeply troubles Jesus ... & he weeps with them.  
... b/c he loves!

### **2. JESUS COMES IN LIFE!** (See v.38)

#### **\* Jesus Raises Lazarus!**

- ~ 2 commands & a prayer make things happen!
  - > Lazarus rises to Jesus' command!
  - > John tells us death still looms large.

#### **\* Do You Believe Jesus Is Life?** What do you believe?

- ~ We need to deal w/ death, going to see what our God does in Jesus!
  - > Our resurrection future in Jesus has already taken place.
  - > Eternal life has come in Jesus & nothing can stop that!
- ~ Is this heaven?

This is our hope!

***Go to Pg. 2 for more reflections on Jesus & his Life***

## **Jesus Gives Life To His People**

Read & reflect together on the Word as a family throughout the week.

### **John 10:1-21      Jesus the Good Shepherd**

1. Why does Jesus highlight knowing his sheep & their response to him?
2. What does Jesus mean by “other sheep not in this pen”?

### **John 10:22-42      The Unbelieving Jews**

1. How does Jesus describe our security when we belong to him?
2. What are we to learn of Jesus when we read about his miracles?
3. In contrast to his suffering from unbelief, what happens when Jesus goes back to where John the Baptist did ministry?

### **John 11:45-57      The Plot to Kill Jesus**

1. What would explain the stark difference in responses to Jesus' last (7<sup>th</sup>) miracle of raising Lazarus? (v.45-46)
2. What will be accomplished by God thru the prophesy that Jesus would die for the nation? (v.50-52)

### **John 12:1-11      Jesus Anointed by Mary**

1. Jesus is back for a dinner of honor at his best friends' home. Mary shows extravagant honor to Jesus by anointing him with rare perfume. Why does Judas not like what she did for Jesus?
2. What does Jesus mean by his saying: “You will always have the poor among you but not always me.”? About the poor? About himself?
3. How is Lazarus' resurrection bringing about the kind of responses that that Jesus prayed for in John 11:41-42?