

MTB -John 11, 2.28.19

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John 11: The Raising of Lazarus

Setting the stage: Who is Jesus revealing himself to be in John so far?

Read John 11

He loved them....so he stayed. John 11: 1-16

What was the message Mary and Martha sent to Jesus?

What *don't* they ask?

What was Jesus' response when he received the word that Lazarus was ill? What did he *say*?
What did he *do*?

Why do you think Jesus stayed put for 2 days? What do you think he did during that time?

What can you imagine was going on with Mary and Martha during this time?

How did the disciples react to Jesus after he suggested they go back to Judea?

What questions do you have about this passage?

What about this passage is puzzling to you?

“If you had been here..” John 11: 17-27

	Martha	Mary
How did she approach Jesus?		
What did she say to Jesus when she saw him?		
What is Jesus’ message to her in return? What do we learn from it?		

Why do you think Jesus weeps?

What can it mean for us that Jesus wept?

Questions to consider...

How have you responded in the pain of waiting for Jesus?

When did you last say, "if only" to Jesus?

What grief are you holding? Can you picture Jesus weeping with you?

What difference does it make to you to know that Jesus weeps with you?

Can you think of a time when you acted in your child's best interest, yet that action was in stark contrast with what he/she immediately wanted or needed?

Have there been times when you believed that your heavenly Father could act in a way that is meant for your good but is in contrast to what you immediately want or need? What was that like? What truths came out for you?

“ ‘Come and see,’ they respond, as Jesus had responded to the early disciples’ enquiry as to where he was staying. (1.46) It is the simplest of invitations, and yet it goes to the heart of Christian faith. ‘Come and see,’ we say to Jesus, as we lead him, all tears, to the place of our deepest sorrow, ‘come and see,’ he says to us in reply as he leads us through the sorrow to the place where he now dwells in light and love and resurrection glory.”

N.T. Wright from *John for Everyone: Chapters 11-21*