

I. Wept - John 11:32-37

1. Mary said she wished that Jesus had been there earlier (**verse 32**)
 - expresses her faith that Jesus could do something
 2. Mary fell at Jesus' feet
 - showing submission and grief
 3. Jesus was moved (**verse 33**)
 - at her grief and those around her
 - “deeply moved” is “groaned” in KJV
 - in the spirit - His deepest being
 4. Where is he? (**verse 34**)
 - come and see
 5. Jesus wept (**verse 35**)
 - show His deep emotion
- Rea -very common for the New Testament to tell us Jesus was “moved with compassion” - the same person here - “movable”
- Rea -a God who cries? - is it okay if Jesus cries?
- Rea -some see our God as beyond emotion and these type displays of emotion
6. See how He loved him (**verse 36**)
 - because Jesus loved Lazarus intently does not mean He loves us any less
 7. Comment - could He not have kept him from dying? (**Verse 37**)
 - we feel this way when our loved ones have hard times
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. Jesus did something here and He does something about our death experiences - He has created heaven - John 14:1-6
 2. I want a God who cries - who cares enough to cry
 - those of us who are never moved enough to cry have something of a hole in their soul
 3. He experienced our pain - as a human being
 4. Because He's experienced pain He understands mine when I hurt

II. Believe - John 11:38-40

1. “Deeply moved” (again) (**verse 38**)
 - this is the third time this has type thing been said of Jesus
 - the verb here used shows continuous action
 2. Took Him to a cave
 - with a round wheel/rock rolled across the entrance
 3. Take away the stone (**verse 39**)
 4. Martha spoke up about the fact that he's been in the tomb for some time
 - by highlighting his death (again) it magnifies the problem, so that when Jesus raises Lazarus it is MORE of a miracle - otherwise some might say... “he was just in a coma”
 - been dead for “four” days
 5. Jesus reminds them that He was different - the Son of God (**verse 40**)
 - their problem is highlighted here - “believe”
- Rea

-“if” is big here - we must believe
-her faith rested solely on His word
Rea -our faith is in His Word as well

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. Once again, as in many places - Jesus is talking spiritual and spiritual power, they speak logical and humanly
2. The fact that He asked to be taken to the place says He is about to do something
3. Precursor to the resurrection of Jesus - in His resurrection there is also a “stone” to be rolled away
4. Discuss the “I am” sayings in John - the “Bread” - the “good Shepherd” - the “true vine”
-here “the resurrection and the life” (verse 25)

III. Returned - John 11:41-46

1. So they remove the stone (**verse 41**)
Rea -Jesus prays - included He mentions that God has already heard Him
-you always hear me (**verse 42**) - I’m just saying this for the people around me
Rea -the intent - that they may “believe” - this is the purpose of the resurrection
Rea -discuss the “purpose” of the miracles/ signs that Jesus did
2. Called in a loud voice (**verse 43**)
“Lazarus, come out”
3. He came out (**verse 44**)
Rea -must’ve looked “mummy”-like
-take off the grave clothes
Rea -moves from the realm (and clothing) of death to the realm (and clothing) of life
4. Many believed (**verse 45**)
Rea -that was His intent (verse 42)
-but some went to the Pharisees and told
Rea -the word “but” means these people did not believe
5. Verses 10-11 in chapter show us the Pharisees “follow up”
Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. Jesus hears and answers prayer even when it is “illogical” to pray
 2. A voice of command - over dead and death
 3. It’s not over - even at death - Jesus is “exhibit A”
 4. Jesus did not raise every dead person in the New Testament - why here?
-so that these might “believe”