

Jesus vs. Death (John 11:1-27)

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(1) Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (2) It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. (3) So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." (4) But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." (5) Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. (6) So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

(7) Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." (8) The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" (9) Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. (10) But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

(11) After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." (12) The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." (13) Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. (14) Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, (15) and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." (16) So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

(17) Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. (18) Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, (19) and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. (20) So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. (21) Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. (22) But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." (23) Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." (24) Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." (25) Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, (26) and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (27) She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." [John 11:1-27 ESV]

Practical Application

1. What is the solution to your opponent of death?
2. How can you win against death?
3. You vs. Death= Death wins
4. Jesus vs. Death= Jesus wins!
5. You+Jesus vs. Death= You win!
6. Do you live a life celebrating the wins of Jesus?
7. Eventually illness, sickness, or disease uncured leads to death.
8. Only Jesus can overcome our opponent of illness, sickness, and disease.
9. Do you love Jesus like Mary did?
10. Jesus loved Mary, Martha, Lazarus, and He loves you.
11. Jesus will be glorified by raising all believers from the dead to everlasting life. Your story will end in His glory, and your eternal good.
12. Sometimes God calls us to wait on Him in the face of painfully difficult circumstances.
13. God's timing is always perfect. He can be trusted fully.
14. Sometimes God calls us to follow Him to dangerously risky places.

15. Following Jesus wherever He leads is walking in the greatest light possible.
16. It is never too late with Jesus.
17. Jesus can awaken you from any kind of death you might experience (physical, spiritual, relational, vocational, financial, etc.).
18. Sometimes God will let something die so that His glory is seen in even greater and more miraculous ways as He blesses His people.
19. Are you willing to live for Jesus? Are you willing to die for Jesus? Is Jesus your life?
20. Jesus loves taking beyond hopeless situations and bringing forth great good from them.
21. Be involved in the ministry of presence in order to console and minister to the grieving.
22. Whether you are a busy Martha or a patient Mary, Jesus will meet you where you are.
23. You never have to wonder “if” with Jesus.
24. Jesus gets whatever He asks for. You can trust His intercession for you.
25. Everyone in Christ will rise again, no matter your fall. Rise up today.
26. Jesus is the resurrection and the life.
27. If you have trusted in Christ you will live forever with God.
28. If you have trusted in Christ you will never die because you have eternal life now.
29. Just say “Yes Lord” to everything God says to you and about you.
30. Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God who came into this world from heaven? Trust Him today.

Announcements

1. Join us for a Family Baby Shower for Davia O’Neal and Kortlin Sunday today right after worship. Come and celebrate the upcoming additions to the HMC family with a pot-luck style lunch and baby shower!
2. The Men's Ministry will meet again on March 26 after worship. If you or someone you know is interested in joining this group of God loving men, contact Brad Vick.
3. RESURRECTION SUNDAY (Easter): On Sunday, April 2 (9am) we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for all the kids at Hope Mountain. Please bring your basket and be ready for some fun! There will be snacks, a picture booth, and more. Please invite your friends and family. If you can bring eggs or candy to donate that would be great. There will be a bin in the lobby. Please email Tiffany Vick at bwvick@yahoo.com if you have any questions.
4. Did you miss Pastor Deric's sermon last Sunday? The sermons are available in video and audio format along with the outline in PDF on our church website at. <https://hopemountain.church/resources/sermons/>