

HENDERSON, NEBRASKA
[**THE BOOK OF JOHN**]
Sunday, February 22, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
First Sunday of Lent

D W E L L I N G I N
DISSONANCE

We often think of love and grief as very different emotions.
This week, we are challenged with the dissonance of their relationship.
Pay attention to Jesus' words and actions here,
and the dissonance they stir up in us.

Prelude
"Living Hope"
"How He Loves"
"I Know a Name"
Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist

"Holy Spirit"
Worship Band
Jay & Marilyn Kroeker, Bennett Friesen, Logan Bechtel,
Braden Janzen, Connie Bechtel, Lindy Siebert,
Ashton Brown, Kara Janzen, Amanda Goertzen, Mary Dente

Welcome & Call to Worship
(Congregation read bold print)
One: Welcome Lent.
All: Welcome mystery.
One: Welcome dissonance.
All: Welcome grief.
One: Welcome glory and uncertainty.
All: Welcome fullness from above.
One: Welcome death and resurrection.
All: Welcome Jesus' fiercest love.

* "Jesus calls us here to meet him"
(Children are invited to come forward on stanza 4)
STJ 3

Children's Focus
Tara Maltsberger

* "In the bulb there is a flower"
Congregational Prayer
HWB 614
Alan Janzen

"Rise Up Lazarus" Worship Band

Scripture Reading: John 11:1-44 Pastor J Epp
Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Message "If Only..." Pastor J Epp

* "Mighty to Save" Powerhouse Book Page 32

Announcements Pastor Andrea Wall
Offering to God Pastor Andrea Wall
Offertory Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist

* Benediction Pastor J Epp

* "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Worship Band

** If you are able, you are invited to stand.*

All are invited to participate in the Christian Education Hour
and to stop by the Coffee Spot in the Fellowship Hall.

John 11:17-30

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha answered, "I know he will rise

again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the

John 11:30-44

place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him? he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

Jesus wept.

Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to

the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said.

"But Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

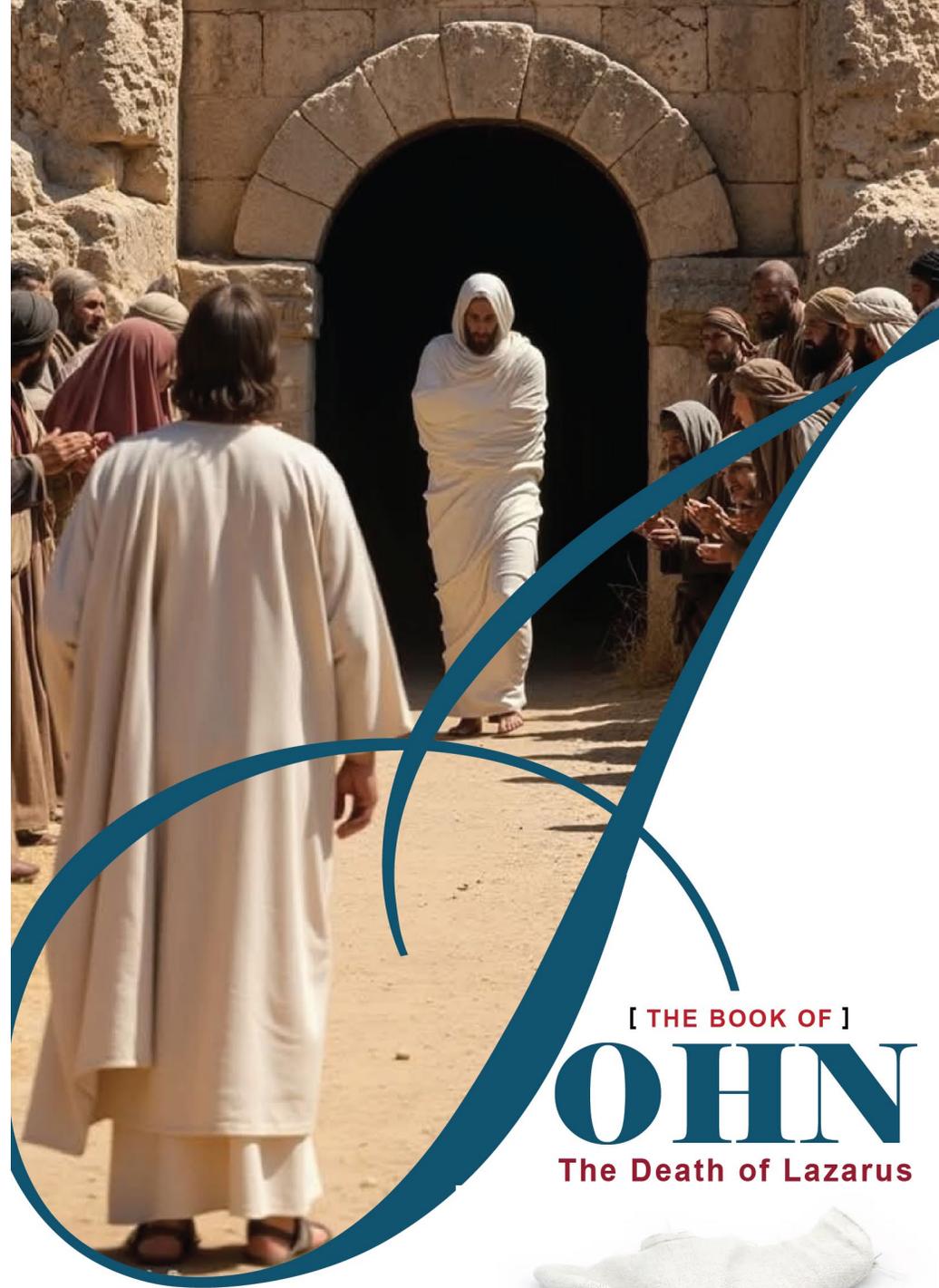
Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

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The Death of Lazarus



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