

“Who is Jesus?”: Resurrection & the Life - 2
John 11:28-37

Introduction:

- Read **John 11:1-44**
- Very REAL question here: Jesus is sovereign over all, yet He weeps. He does not merely know what will happen (as many might limit Christ’s sovereignty to mere foreknowledge), He DOES what will happen! Yet...He still weeps.
- He is the Resurrection and the Life! He is Sovereign and full of compassion!
- Here we see that fully divine, perfectly human Savior! When He’s angry, He’s perfect. When He weeps, He’s perfect. When He Heals He’s perfect. When He doesn’t, He’s perfect.

THE ACCOUNT

- A) The Savior’s Call (**vv.28-30**)
 - a. Through Martha
 - b. Call outside
- B) The People’s Hurt (**vv.31-32**)
 - a. Sympathy / Empathy of others
 - b. Customary - shivah
- C) The Savior’s Compassion (**vv.33-35**)
 - a. Compassionate Eyes (v.33)
 - b. Compassionate Anger
 - i. “deeply moved” (embrimaomai – to snort with anger)
 - ii. Sinful effects of a fallen world
 - iii. Man’s disbelief (seems consistent with v.38)
 - iv. As out of place as it seems, Christ is perfect here
 - c. Compassionate Question (v.34)
 - d. Compassionate Act (v.35)
- D) The People’s Response (**vv.36-37**)

- a. See the humanity
- b. See the inconsistency with divinity (but from human eyes)

THE DOCTRINE

- A) Divinity: Sovereign Savior
 - a. His calling
 - b. His future healing
- B) Humanity: Compassionate One
 - a. Condescension
 - i. Coming to the funeral
 - ii. Remaining on the outside (popularity)
 - 1. Whether His decision or Martha’s request it matters not
 - 2. Waiting
 - iii. Engaging the people (v.34)
 - 1. To be a very public event
 - 2. Would cause the greatest public stirring, leading to the Jewish leaders’ resolve to plot the arrest of Christ
 - b. Consolation
 - i. Consolation in anger
 - 1. Sin
 - 2. Disbelief
 - 3. **1 Thes. 4:13**, *“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.”*
 - ii. Consolation in tears
 - iii. Consolation in public view
 - iv. Consolation in view of sovereignty
 - 1. Glory
 - 2. Gospel (the one who gives life, ends life, raises it again...is the same one who calls souls from the dead, awakening from the deadness of sin to life abundantly in Christ)

- C) All-satisfying One (putting it all together, fullness of deity dwells...)
- a. **Heb. 4:14-16**, “**14** Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. **15** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. **16** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”
 - b. **Col. 2:8-10**, “**8** See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. **9** For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, **10** and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.” (Time and time again I have seen people fall prey to philosophies and error due to great tragedy – be consoled and comforted by the Jesus Christ of scripture, who is all human and all divine, sovereign and full of compassion!)

THE APPLICATION

- A) Are you hurting?
 - a. Prayer around those hurting
 - b. Prayer for compassion and consolation
 - c. Prayer for realization of God’s sovereignty in the situation (Glory and gospel)
- B) Are you questioning?
 - a. Do you only see Christ as a good moral, compassionate man on par with Ghandi?
 - b. Are you angry with God for not intervening in some tragedy in your life? With great consolation, I call you to humble yourself before a perfect, sovereign and compassionate Savior and TRUST