

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

**Introduction:**

- Read **John 11:1-44**
- **John 1:1,14**, *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*
- 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
  - c. Reveals the nearness of Jesus
  - d. Public intention
- 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 – cares with great depth
  - c. Compassionate Question (v.34)
  - d. Compassionate Act (v.35)
    - i. Incredible display of His humanity & divinity
    - ii. **Isa.53:3**, *“He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.”*
- 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
  - c. His mission: Glory in the gospel
- 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
      - 3. Away from the sorrow (perspective)
    - 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 depth
      - 1. Effects of Sin (pain)
      - 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
      1. **Spurgeon**, “There is infinitely more in these two words than any sermonizer, or student of the Word, will ever be able to bring out of them, even though he should apply the microscope of the utmost attentive consideration.”
      2. Humanity on display
    - iii. Consolation in public view
    - iv. Consolation in view of sovereignty
      1. Glory
        - a. **Rev.7:17**, “For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”
        - b. **Rev.21:4**, “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”
      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. Come near to the one already here!
  - b. Prayer around those hurting
  - c. Prayer for compassion and consolation
  - d. Prayer for realization of God’s sovereignty in the situation (Glory and gospel)
- B) Are you apparent in your Affections?
  - a. As Christ was clear in His love for Lazarus, even to the outside observer, is it obvious your life is love for Him?
  - b. Is your affection resolutely in a sovereign Savior?
- C) Are you questioning?
  - a. Come near to the one already here!
  - b. Do you only see Christ as a good moral, compassionate man on par with Ghandi?
  - c. 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

