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**WEEK 21 – JESUS RAISES LAZARUS (JOHN 11:17-44, PP. 163-169)**

Last week we studied two resurrections. The first was Jairus' daughter. The second was the adult son of the widow of Nain. In both of these cases, Jesus speaks a word of comfort to the grieving relative and then follows that up with the miracle of "waking up" the deceased.

In today's study, we see Jesus miraculously raise another person: Lazarus.

**What is Jesus' relationship with Lazarus and his sisters?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How does Jesus know about Lazarus' illness?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What does Jesus do when He hears about Lazarus' illness?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why does Jesus wait?** \_\_\_\_\_

When Jesus finally arrives at the home of Mary and Martha, Lazarus has died. **What does Martha say to him?** (John 11:21-22) \_\_\_\_\_

**What does this indicate about Martha's faith?** \_\_\_\_\_

**When Jesus responds to Martha How does He reassure her of God's faithfulness?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What does He confess about Himself and why is so significant?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How does Jesus' testimony concerning Himself provide comfort, and hope to those who suffer loss in this life?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How does Jesus' testimony help us face our own death?** \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus knows that He is about to do. Yet still, as He meets Mary and the other mourners, He is deeply moved to point of weeping. **What does this teach us about Jesus and His perspective on our suffering?** \_\_\_\_\_

The world is broken because of sin. Apart from Christ, there is NO HOPE! We will live miserable lives, suffer and die. But God, by His Word has given us hope. The hope is Christ, crucified and risen for us and for our salvation. The hope is the promise that He is with us now by His Word and Sacrament; and He will carry us from this life into this next. Finally, Christ, our Lord will wipe every tear from our eyes. But until then, we wait.

**How does God work in the middle of our waiting?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What does Christ finally do for Lazarus (and Martha & Mary)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What will He finally do for you?** \_\_\_\_\_

**For Next Time:**

**WEEK 22 – THE DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (MARK 6:14-29, pp. 171-177)**