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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)