

Sermon Notes

I Believe In Miracles: Part 5

March 20th-21st, 2021

- **I Believe In Miracles: Recap**
- Keeping first things first from **1 Corinthians 1:22-23**.
 - o When handled properly the deep spiritual and the deep intellectual are good!
- **Part 5: Lazarus Raised From the Dead**
- Once upon a time there was a family that was very close friends with Jesus.
 - o Squabbles about doing the dishes: **Luke 10:38-42**.
 - o Going back a little farther: **Luke 7:36-50**.
 - o So now let's read and understand **John 11:1-3**.
 - If you had been saved under Jesus earthly ministry, housed and fed him, seen his miraculous powers, been personally defended by Jesus himself, how confident would you be??
 - o But, it didn't go so smooth. **John 11:4-16**.
 - Not exactly a timely response, but there were other forces at play.
 - This was the disciple's perspective. What was it like from the family's perspective?
 - o How did the sisters respond to Jesus' arrival? **John 11:17-20**
 - Jesus discusses the situation with pragmatic Martha. **John 11:21-28**
 - Martha expresses her disappointment, but tempers it with faith.
 - Jesus sends for Mary. What is she going through? **John 11:29-35**
 - Mary is having a faith crisis. Remember who she is! Why did Jesus weep?
 - Other people were also deeply affected. **John 11:36-38**
 - It's time for Jesus to make this right! **John 11:39-45**
- That is a powerful story. What are some lessons that we can learn from this?
- First Lesson: Jesus' compassion for the hurting, even those having a faith crisis, is profound.
 - o Believe that for you personally. Jesus weeps with you. Don't run away from the Lord.
 - o 3 Lessons from Job: 1) God is good and the Devil is bad. 2) Even if you are innocent Satan can gain access to your life. 3) When you are going through hardships, don't insult the character of God.
 - o Jesus here defends Mary for the third time. He didn't blame her, get mad, or say 'you of little faith'.
- Second Lesson: There is more going on than what you can see.
 - o Same lesson as last week! But, this week the lesson is don't be self-centered.
 - o Lots of things were going on. They wanted to kill Jesus. Lazarus emboldened them even more.
 - o What if both teams pray to win the game??
 - o Let's go for a wholistic, nuanced view of reality when we pray.
- Third Lesson: The end result for the believer is always victory in Jesus!
 - o Jesus knew this wasn't the end of the story for Lazarus.
 - o This life is not the end of the story for any believer in Jesus! Trust in the final victory!
 - o Interesting thing in Hebrews 11. Two kinds of commendable faith: **Hebrews 11:32-39**.
 - Those who got the great victory AND those who stayed faithful to the bitter end.
- Maybe you are at a faith crisis like Mary was.
 - o Things didn't turn out how you wanted. You feel like God let you down. Something broke inside of you.
 - o Let's close with **Hebrews 4:14-16**.
 - Jesus is not angry about your faith crisis, he weeps with you. He knows.
 - As hard as it is, open your hart to Jesus. He is your healer, your deliverer, your savior.
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