

A Dead Man is Raised by Jesus' Call

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Introduction

- John's Gospel is written to present Christ to us as the Eternal Word become flesh, the Lord of glory in the likeness of men so that we might believe^{20:31}
- Martha declared her faith *Yes, I believe that you are the Christ*²⁷...
- Martha now called her sister²⁸ and many came with Mary^{19,31}
- Mary obeyed quickly²⁹ - we likewise should obey Jesus!
- Many came to comfort Martha and Mary³¹, God rewarded their faithfulness

Mary Worships at the Feet of Jesus

- Mary went to feet of Jesus and fell at His feet¹²
- Mary was a worshiper of Christ as Prophet^{Lk10:39}; Priest^{Jn11:32} who bore our griefs and carries our sorrows^{Isa53:4}; King whom she anointed^{Jn12:3}
- Mary's exclamation is likely grieving words of confidence³² in Christ

Jesus is Moved Deeply

- Mary is grieving deeply - also the Jews³³ so Jesus was moved in His Spirit
- Once again we see Jesus' humanity and emotions - not an unemotional God
- Jesus has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows^{Is53:4}.
- He sympathizes with us^{Heb4:15-16}
- The impact of sin and death is horrid - Jesus overcomes that!

From Anger to Grief

- Jesus goes to the tomb³⁴ and we see the human Jesus
- Shortest verse but most poignant³⁵ *Jesus wept*
- The Incarnate Son of God shed tears - He entered into our feelings & world
- Observers noted His love³⁶ while others doubted & questioned³⁷.

Jesus Before the Tomb

- Jesus is noted to be *deeply moved again*³⁸ as He comes to the tomb
- Tomb was cave carved out with stone place over opening
- Jesus asked for the stone to be taken away³⁹
- Prime & proper Martha worried about the fact that *by this time he stinketh*³⁹
- Jesus gave a gentle rebuke for her lack of faith⁴⁰ in her grief
- Truth: if we believe we will see the glory of God! Believe God's promises
- "Unbelief is the taproot of all sin"^{John Piper}
- Jesus has power over death - even smelly decomposing bodies!

Jesus Lifted Up His Eyes

- Jesus publicly declares His relationship with the Father
- Jesus was sinless so the Father answers - we pray in Jesus' name^{Heb7:24; Jn14:13-14}
- Pray boldly in Jesus' name! Jesus wanted the people to know these truths⁴²

Waking the Dead Man

- Jesus cried out in a loud voice *Lazarus come out!*⁴³
- Same voice that called the cosmos into existence^{Jn1:1-3} called Lazarus forth!
- Jesus has power over material world and the spirits
- if Jesus hadn't called Lazarus by name - everyone would have risen^{A.W. Pink}
- This is a preview of Resurrection Day^{1Thess4:16-17}. Good or Bad^{Jn5:27-29}

Lazarus Comes Out!

- Lazarus came out wearing graveclothes!
- Jesus commanded them to unbind Lazarus from his graveclothes⁴⁴
- New Christians are like Lazarus - still bearing graveclothes, we need to obey
- Paul shows us the put-off, put-on^{Eph4:22-24} process of new life