

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "Back From Beyond"

Text: John 11:1-57

INTRODUCTION

1. _____ is usually the last thing we want to talk about. It makes us feel uncomfortable, awkward.
2. One of the reasons we fear death is that, in spite of all our medical achievements, we haven't been able to _____ it.
3. Today we are going to penetrate, however slightly, that unyielding mystery. We're going to examine the account of a man raised from the dead—a man who came "back from beyond".
4. The raising of Lazarus from the dead was not our Lord's last miracle before the Cross, but it was certainly His _____.
5. The message of hope this morning is not in the miracle Jesus performed, but in the awesome _____ Jesus made while performing this great miracle. See verses 25-26.

OVERVIEW: A quick walk-through of John 11

1. The _____ of Jesus' Miracle (vss. 1-16)
 - A. The sickness of Lazarus (vss. 1-3)
 - B. The response of Jesus (vss. 4-16)

Thoughts from Chuck Swindoll: "Coping with Crisis"

- Regarding time, our Lord is _____.
 - Regarding perspective, we can adopt either a _____ or a _____ outlook.
2. The _____ of Jesus' Miracle (vss. 17-44)
Jesus is depicted with each member of the family separately.

- A. Jesus and Martha (vss. 17-27)
 - B. Jesus and Mary (vss. 28-37)
 - C. Jesus and Lazarus (vss. 38-44)
3. The CONSEQUENCES of Jesus' Miracle (vss. 45-57)
- A. To the _____ (vs. 45; cp. 12:9-11, 17-19)
 - B. To the _____ leaders / Sanhedrin (vss. 46-53)

"John 11 reveals the deity of Jesus Christ and the utter depravity of the human heart. The rich man in Hades had argued, "If someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent" (Luke 16:30). Lazarus came back from the dead, and the officials wanted to kill him! Miracles certainly reveal the power of God, but of themselves they cannot communicate the grace of God (Ephesians 2:8-9). The stage had been set for the greatest drama in history, during which man would do his worst & God would give His best."

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PROMISE (vss. 25, 26)

While performing the greatest of the seven miraculous signs (cp. 20:30-31), Jesus made an awesome promise. It is the 5th of the seven "I AM" statements in the Gospel. In His great "I AM" statement, Jesus completely transformed the doctrine of the resurrection and, in so doing, brought great comfort to Martha's heart (and to yours and mine as well).

1. He bro't the doctrine of the resurrection out of the _____ and into the _____. See 2 Tim. 1:8-10. Also, John 5:24-29.
2. He took it out of a _____ and put it into a _____, Himself: "I am the resurrection and the life! (John 11:25).
3. He moved the doctrine of the resurrection out of the _____ and into the _____.