



Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John – Week 28

Preacher – Ben Rounds | Text – John 11:28-46

Summary:

Following on the heels of Jesus' incredible statement "I am the resurrection and the life," and Martha's profound confession of faith in the previous section, our text this week shows how Jesus enters into the suffering of his people, and how even in the midst of suffering, he offers a compelling vision of God's glory and a way to share in the resurrection life of the Son of God. And through the resurrection of Lazarus, Jesus proves beyond a doubt that he is who he says he is – "the Christ, the son of God, who is coming into the world."

Discussion:

1. What was the most important take-away for you from this week's message?
2. Why do you think Mary waited to go out to meet Jesus (unlike Martha, who met him immediately)? What do vv. 28-31 tell you about her emotional state?
3. What's Mary's tone in v. 32? How do you envision that exchange happening?
Application: Have you ever felt the way Mary feels in that moment?
4. What does it mean that Jesus was "deeply moved in his spirit," and "greatly troubled" (v. 33)? If you have access to various translations, see how they translate

those words. Also, check cross-references if you have them. How does this help you understand Jesus' response to the scene before him?

5. What do you notice about the crowds' response to Jesus' tears in vv. 36-37?

Application: How do you see this response echoed today in the responses you get when you share/talk about your faith?

6. What do you make of Martha's response to Jesus' command to roll away the stone from the tomb of Lazarus in v. 39? **Application:** Have you ever had a similar reaction when you felt the Lord calling you to do something unusual or unexpected?

7. What's the purpose of the miracle of Lazarus' resurrection? How do you know?

8. Why do you think Jesus prayed the way he did in vv. 41-42? What does it reveal about his connection to the Father?

9. What does this miracle reveal about Jesus? Why do you think this is the last (and greatest) of John's "7 Signs"?

10. How would you 'title' this section? In other words, how would you restate the main purpose John had (as the author) in writing this passage?