



Sermon Notes & Discussion Questions

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Sermon: Lessons from Lazarus

Passage: John 11

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Sermon Notes:

1. What happened? Joe Friday only wants the facts
2. Why did it happen? There's no sense in that
3. Where do we go from here?

Discussion Questions:

- Jesus knew that He would be raising Lazarus. God knew that Abraham would be willing to sacrifice Isaac. The Father knew that The Son would defeat death. There are many similar Bible stories. Why does God walk us through hard places when He already knows the outcome?
- Human nature looks for quick, convenient, easy paths. How does that compare with God's apparent preference for slower, challenging, sacrificial, routes? What are some examples of each, and the outcomes?
- The Bible speaks multiple times, and in a variety of ways, about our need to die in order to live. What are the daily practical implications of that concept?
- Scripture indicates that there is a time to prevent suffering, a time to alleviate suffering, a time to join in suffering, and a time to cause suffering. Name some examples of each. What might be some guiding principles to know when it's time for which direction?