



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

The Climax of Jesus' Signs

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I. Resurrection – the climax of all the signs

- A. Actual raising from the dead
 - 1. A foreshadowing of Jesus' own resurrection – the ultimate sign
 - 2. A sign of our future resurrection to life
- B. Not reviving but resurrecting
- C. The setting – Bethany and the family (also mentioned in Luke 10)
- D. Jesus hears of his friend Lazarus' illness
 - 1. Mary and Martha sent a message “Lord, the one you love is sick.”
 - 2. Jesus has friends that he loves – 11:5
 - 3. Lazarus was the disciples' friend as well– 11:11
- E. He waits until Lazarus has died before he goes
- F. The two sisters admonish/complain to Jesus
- G. Jesus' declaration to Martha
 - 1. Belief in Jesus is necessary for a person to have life and to be resurrected to life
 - 2. The time of resurrection is irrelevant
 - a) Martha had the understanding of the end time resurrection (she is correct)
 - b) Jesus is trying to help her see and understand more
 - c) Jesus said “I am the resurrection” not “I will resurrect in the future.”
 - d) Jesus is outside the realm of time
 - e) It is not just a matter of time but it is linked to Jesus
 - 3. Jesus is intrinsically involved with resurrection – he is resurrection and he is life
- H. Martha's response – vv.24, 27
 - 1. Believing in the end-time resurrection – 11:24
 - 2. Believing that Jesus is the Christ – 11:27 ?
 - 3. This is what the writer is indicating what we the readers should believe. – 20:31
 - 4. She has entered through the gate of Christ – 10:9 – saved
 - 5. Not realizing Jesus' involvement with the future resurrection and what he has for us presently. – abundant life – John 10:10b

II. Questions

- A. Why did Jesus delay going to Bethany? – why is this a question?
 - 1. Jesus always does things according to the Father not according to human need.
 - 2. To demonstrate his role over death and his identity
 - 3. To increase the disciples' faith – 11:15
- B. Why two different responses to the sisters?
 - 1. Jesus' declaration to Martha: I am the resurrection and the life
 - 2. Proclaiming the truth and showing that he is God – seems like he might be arguing with her
 - 3. No response to Mary except to weep – why did he weep?
 - a) Weeping not for Lazarus
 - b) But entering into the sisters' sorrow
 - c) Possibly also due to the people's unbelief
 - 4. Showing his humanity – he is also a man
 - 5. We need both sides of Jesus – truth about him as God, resurrection, life as well as human sympathy, even empathy.
 - 6. The apostle Paul echoes this sentiment
 - a) Weep with those who weep
 - b) Comforting others with the comfort we were able to receive

III. Conclusion

- A. Jesus is victorious over death because he is the resurrection and the life
- B. Jesus' response to the sisters shows he is both God and man
- C. Belief in Jesus is necessary to receive life and be resurrected to life; and believers' ultimate destiny is not death but life