

"For Dear Friends"

John 11:17-44

Introduction:

Martha comes to Jesus - John 11:17-27

Jesus has a strong word for Martha - John 11:25-26

Concept: God sees death differently and death grieves God differently (John 14:6)

Mary comes to Jesus - John 11:28-37

Jesus has a strong emotional reaction to Mary - John 11:33-37

Concept: Jesus was angry and indignant that he was standing before the ravages of sin; the consequences of bad choices; the God-pronounced outcome of Adam's disobedience.

Precept: When a person dies there are four notable responses.

First, the response for a child of God

Second, the response for a child of Satan

Third, the response of Satan

Fourth, the response of God

Lazarus comes to Jesus - John 11:38-44

Jesus does not step into life so that we avoid death;
he steps into death so that we can have life.

Jesus has a powerful response to the death of Lazarus - John 11:39-44

Concept: At the final resurrection I will receive a body like Jesus and I will live forever.

Conclusion: This event is the final nail in Jesus' coffin - God's darkest hour becomes our brightest day! Galatians 2:20