

MR. RESURRECTION

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Scripture: John 11:17-45

- Death is real, but it's not the end
- In times of pain and suffering, don't stay away from Jesus, go to Him
- Jesus often does His best work just when we think it's too late
- Human love can only mourn and remember the dead, but God's love RAISES the dead
- What can stand in the way of you being baptized?

GET TALKING

We often think "what if" or "if only" thoughts and questions when unpleasant things happen. What effects do you experience when you allow yourself to engage in that thought pattern? What have you found helpful in processing difficult things?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read John 11:17-45. Record any questions you think of, or ideas that stand out to you.

1. This story of Lazarus' death and resurrection is a powerful example of God's omnipotence. While He may not use His power how and when we expect or desire, through faith we are able to see the glory of God. Share what this story of Jesus' power over death has taught you.
2. Compare how Martha and Mary behaved and interacted with Jesus over the death of their brother.
 - a. Who or what do you turn to in your pain and suffering?
 - b. What keeps you from going to Jesus?
 - c. Share anything that has helped you to go to Jesus in these times.
3. In verses 33-36 we read how Jesus wept after seeing Mary and those that came with her weeping.
 - a. Use a Bible dictionary to look up the words weeping and wept used in the original language. Compare the two and share what you observe.
 - b. Do a word study around verse 33 "he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled" using different translations. How does it give you more context or understanding?
 - c. What can we learn from this experience about Jesus and ourselves?
4. Death is real, but not the end. God's love is the ONLY power strong enough to raise the dead. Where do you think it may be too late and you need Jesus to reveal Himself to you in that area? Where do you need to experience Jesus as the resurrection and the life - not in the future, but right now?

PRAYER

The Pharisees couldn't silence Him, Pilate couldn't kill Him, death couldn't defeat Him, and the grave couldn't hold Jesus. What do these truths mean to you and affect how you live your life? Mark 8:18 says, "You have eyes – can't you see? You have ears – can't you hear? Don't you remember anything?"

In your prayer time give thanks and remember the history you have with God, how He is working in your present, and ask for eyes to see and ears to hear what He has for your future.