

SERMON NOTES

June 10 & 11, 2023

I Have Questions: Is God Cold-Blooded? John 11:1-43

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Psalm 13:1

Basic Story Line

John 11:1 - 15

Conversation # 1

John 11:16 - 27

Conversation # 2

John 11:28 - 39

Conversation # 3

John 11:40 - 43 | I Corinthians 13:12 a

Life Steps

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Monday

John 11:1-14

Reflect: From this passage, identify all of the descriptors for who Jesus is. If someone were to ask you who Jesus is, what would you tell them?

Prayer: God of heaven and earth, you are the alpha and the omega, the beginning, and the end. You are my everything.

Tuesday

John 11:1-14

Reflect: In Jesus' conversation with the disciples, what insights did they gain? What was your key takeaway from the weekend message?

Prayer: God of everlasting light, help me to see you working even when I am walking in the darkness.

Wednesday

John 11:17-27

Reflect: How would you describe Martha's response to Jesus? What signs indicate the strength of her faith?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Lord of the living and the dead, help me to be alive in you.

Thursday

John 11:28-37

Reflect: In the original text, Mary stresses "my" when she says "my brother." What do we learn about Mary's pain and faith from her words and behavior? How does Jesus respond differently to Mary than to Martha?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Lord of the living and of the dead, help me to believe that you can work, and are working, in the painful circumstances of my family.

Friday

John 11:38 – 40

Reflect: Remember a time you felt Jesus was too late to help and how things eventually turned out. How might you respond the next time that Jesus initially misses your expectations?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Lord of the living and of the dead, help me be alive to you, so you can work miracles in my heart.

Saturday

John 11:41-42

Reflect: In His conversation with the Father, what does Jesus reveal about the purpose of the whole incident? When things don't go as expected, how might remembering Jesus' prayer (vs. 41-42) help you to trust him?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Lord of the living and of the dead, help me to trust you even when I don't see you working.

Sunday

John 11:43-44

Reflect: What did you learn about the nature of God by observing His Son, Jesus, in this whole story? Who in your life circle is suffering, that you will come alongside to help them maintain trust in God when their hope is fragile?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Lord of the living and the dead, please help me to be alive to you, so you can work miracles in my heart and soul to trust you more. Help me to believe that you can act in my painful circumstance, and even if you don't, to trust you, because you care for me even as you did for Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Amen