

## **Conversations with Jesus: "That You May Believe"** **John 11:17-44**

1. What principles or observations from Pastor John's message did you find to be helpful or insightful?
2. Jesus' close friend Lazarus was very sick and Lazarus' sisters, Mary and Martha, send messengers to tell Jesus. They most likely assume, because of Christ's ability to heal and His love for Lazarus, that Jesus would immediately come to Bethany (less than 2 miles from Jerusalem). When Jesus finally arrives, Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Why do you think Jesus waited?
3. Martha, a woman of action, went to meet Jesus...while Mary, the more contemplative sister waited. See Luke 10:39-42 for a similar portrayal of personalities. What does Martha say to Jesus in verses 21-22?

What does Jesus say to her in verse 23?

Martha then replies: "I know that he (Lazarus) will rise again in the resurrection on the last day". What does Jesus famously say about Himself in verses 25-26?

Martha then gives a great confession of faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, and the One who has come into the world. Talk about when you first placed your faith in Christ alone for eternal life.

4. Jesus then wanted a private meeting with Mary but when Mary suddenly leaves her home to see Jesus, the mourners think she is going to the tomb of her brother, so they follow her. When Mary arrives, she falls at his feet. How is this similar to what we read of Mary and Jesus in Luke 10:39?

What does Mary say to Jesus in Luke 11:32?

How would you describe Jesus' emotions in verse 33?

What does the shortest verse (in English) say in 11:35?

The people interpret Christ's tears as an expression of his love for his friend. But what else was Jesus weeping over?

5. Jesus asks for the stone to be removed from the entrance of the tomb and then what does He cry out in a loud voice (v. 43)?

Augustine once said that if Jesus had not specifically said Lazarus' name...all would have come out from the graves! This event is an amazing demonstration of God's power and a picture of God's Son bringing life to people.

How are those who are dead spiritually brought to life by the power of God (read Eph. 2:1-9)?