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ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Please use this card to reflect on the sermon. It can be used for discussion in a group, for personal study of the Word, and as a “sermon summary” for our Confirmation Students. May God bless our listening and study of His Word!

John 11:17-27, 38-45

“Believe and See the Glory of God.”

Introduction: Jesus received word that his friend Lazarus was sick. There were many people in Judea looking to get rid of Jesus. However, after two days, Jesus goes to Bethany (in Judea) to his friend Lazarus who was now dead. He comforts his friends and raises Lazarus from the dead showing his divinity and his love.

Verse 17-21: “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “*if you had been here, my brother would not have died.*” At the death of a loved one, what are some reasons many might ask God “why?” or “where were you?”

Verses 22-26: Martha knew God would give Jesus whatever he asked. Martha knew her brother would rise in the resurrection from the dead on the Last Day. Jesus reveals that he is “*the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.*” What truths was Jesus helping Martha see with his statement?

Verses 27: Martha’s faith shines brightly because of the promises of God. “*I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.*” What does her confession mean?

Verses 38-39: Jesus’ heart is moved. Why might this be?

Describe the scene here and what you know of 1st century Jewish burial practices.

Why did Jesus’ request shock even Martha, who had such faith in Jesus?

Verse 40: Jesus’ response to Martha shows her that she and we have more to learn about Jesus! She would “*see the glory of God!*”

Jesus is both true _____ and true _____.

Jesus and the Father are in perfect _____.

Jesus has power over _____.

Verse 41-42: What are some reasons you observe that Jesus did this miracle (and other miracles)?

Verse 43-44: Jesus’ word has power. We’ve seen it before when Jesus healed the Centurion’s servant (Luke 7). Here he speaks right to a dead person. What does this show about Jesus’ word and Jesus’ promises to us?

What truths from these verses in John 11 would you use to comfort those who attend your funeral one day? (Sort of a morbid question, but an important event to prepare for and think about).

Why are Jesus’ words and actions here important...
...when you realize your sin or are reminded of it?

...when you wonder if God knows or cares?

...when you wonder why God sends or allows something in your life?