

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (John 11:1-44)

1. Have you ever expected God to work in a specific way in a particular situation but He didn't meet your expectations?  
What was the situation and how did you respond?  
Did you see the Lord at work in your situation in unexpected ways - and how did you feel about the  
Were you able to see how His work in your situation was better than what you'd hoped He would do?  
How does this all relate to the situation with Mary, Martha, Lazarus, and Jesus?
2. Read John 11:1-44 all at once.  
Where do you see the humanity of Jesus specifically on display in these verses?  
Where do you see the divinity of Jesus specifically on display in these verses?  
Why does it matter that Jesus as fully God and fully man - the only true "God-man"?  
Why is it so important for us to rightly understand who Jesus is?
3. The disciples showed a hesitancy (possibly due to fear) to travel back to Jerusalem based upon the Jews wanting to kill Jesus.  
Read the dialogue between Jesus and His disciples in John 11:8-16.  
What does Jesus' response about light and dark have to do with Him willingly going to Jerusalem?  
How does His statement provide an analogy from the physical realm to the spiritual?  
Look at Thomas' statement in verse 16  
What does this show about their understanding (or not) of Jesus' statement and His desire to go to Judea?  
What does it reveal about Thomas' dedication to Jesus (in this moment)?  
We think of him as "Doubting Thomas" but -  
he's remembered more for his unbelief than he is for the great faith and boldness he displays here.  
What can we learn from this entire section of Scripture, and what does it reveal about the sovereignty of the Lord?
4. Read 11:21-27  
This is a dialogue between Martha and Jesus in the aftermath of the death of Lazarus.  
What stands out to you about their dialogue?  
In verses 25-26, Jesus calls Himself "the resurrection and the life" (not to mention its another "I AM" statement).  
How does this statement reveal the divinity of Jesus in this, and what are the implications of these truths?  
"Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."  
What do these statements mean, and how should they be an encouragement to all of us?  
Look at Martha's statement recorded in verse 27 in response to Jesus' question "Do you believe this?"  
What stands out to you about Martha's response?  
What is your response to Jesus' question - "do you believe this?"

5. When Jesus calls out to Lazarus - Jesus "cries out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out."

What does it show that even the dead respond to His command?

What does this reveal about the exclusivity of Jesus' authority?

Is there a spiritual parallel here as well?

(think about the fact that we were dead in our sins, but responded when Jesus called us by name)

How does this situation bring glory to the Father?

How does this foreshadow the future, greater miracle, of Jesus' own resurrection after His sacrificial death & burial?

Why does it really matter if we believe in the historical reality of this story?

What difference does it make to know that Jesus has demonstrated His power to raise another from death to life?

6. Below are the "So What?" statements from the end of the sermon.

Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, and if so, how?

1. Jesus is the resurrection & the life!

Physical life & Spiritual life

2. Believe in Jesus to live without the fear of death!