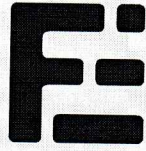


Wed Night



FRESH ENCOUNTER

JESUS WEPT

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"Jesus wept." (John 11:35) - chap 11

INTRODUCTION

- God's strength (power), perfection, truthfulness, & gives true justice
- Three convicting truths
- Siblings Mary, Martha, & Lazarus (vs 1)

"He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he." (Deuteronomy 32:4)

"For I am the Lord, I change not." (Malachi 3:6a)

"Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee." (Jeremiah 32:17)

1. THE ENEMY OF Death - Lazarus

"Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead." (John 11:14)

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." (Revelation 1:8) Jesus speaking

Living
God

"But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king." (Jeremiah 10:10a)

"And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16)

- Acts 2:36 God has made this Jesus both Lord & Christ

- church belongs to the living God
- death separates creation from the Creator

"But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." (1 Timothy 3:15)

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy." (John 10:10a)

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning," (John 8:44)

"The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." (1 Corinthians 15:26)

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

2. THE EVIL OF Disbelief

Jesus speaks to His disciples
"Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again. 8 His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again? 9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. 10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him. 11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. 12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. 13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. 14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. 15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him. 16 Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him." (John 11:7-16)

Jesus to Martha
"Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. 24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. 25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (John 11:23-26)

crowd have questions about Jesus
"And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died? 38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it." (John 11:37-38)

- many doubters
- group distrust Jesus

- biggest problem: heart of unbelief

"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief." (Hebrews 3:12a)

faith
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belief

"Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." (Mark 9:23)

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6)

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)

warning

"And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin." (Romans 14:23)

3. THE EVIDENCE OF Distrust

"When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby." (John 11:4)

"Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already. 18 Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off: 19 And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. 20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house. 21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." (John 11:17-21)

Martha

Lazarus
dead
4 days

"Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." (John 11:32)

Mary

Jesus
fault?

"Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. 40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?" (John 11:39-40)

CONCLUSION

- Demons believe - & ~~trouble~~ ^{tremble} (Jons 2:19)
- * what kind of belief?
- * demons knew God
- x they know that God will judge them
- x there is not mercy for demons
- God has mercy for people

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

"And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles." (Acts 8:1)

Steven's death
- Steven was human witness of
God's ~~witness~~ grace to Saul



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