EVENING SERMON TEXT:  **John 11**

**Comfort of Jesus’ tears**

In this Chapter we have a very short, but comforting verse ***John 11:35*** *Jesus wept.*

We see that this leads the Jews to conclude that Jesus loved Lazarus very much. **John 11:36** *So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”.* Jesus love for Lazarus is also made evident in the beginning of the Chapter **John 11:5** Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

Jesus love for his disciples is what motivates Jesus throughout this passage. We see the weeping of Jesus and are invited by John to conclude that Jesus loved Lazarus. We are also put to the test in this text.

See how some of the Jews respond to the manifestation of Jesus love for his people. ***John 11:37*** *But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”* this challenge is similar to when Jesus was called to save himself from the cross.

How often do we prescribe to Jesus? How often do we demand from God before we will believe? You see this is demanding God on our terms. But what is the difference between these Jews and Martha an Mary. They also said.“*Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”* (v 21 & 32). Are they not also demanding that Jesus could have kept Lazarus from dying? Here we not they called him Lord.They are not challenging Jesus, but confessing faith in His power to keep their broteher from dying.

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***Ps 111:1* ​***Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

**11 April 2021**

**Morning Service 10:00**

Text: **John 11**

**Evening Service 17:30**

Text: **John 11**

***WEEKLY PROGRAMME***

***Sunday 18 April***

***9h00 Adult Bible Class***

***10h00 Morning Worship***

***17h30 Evening Worship***

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***Wednesday 14 April***

***18h00 Fellowship 18h30 Bible Study***

***Saturday 17 April***

***7h00 Prayer meeting***

**PRAYER ITEMS**

* Thank the Lord for his faithfulness to his people. God is both Good and Sovereign. He works all thing together for the good of his people (Rom 8:28-39)

***1Tim 2:1-2*** *First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.*

* Pray for all earthly authorities as God commands us, and for his people to submit to and trust the Lord in all things.
* Pray for the local church, and our obedience to the Lord in all things. Especially our service among one another.
* The biblical family is under many threats daily
* Pray for the men of the congregation to grow in the knowledge and grace of Christ, so that we will have more godly Men, Husbands and Fathers (1 Pet 3:7)
* Pray for the women to excel in good works and to cultivate a quiet and gentle spirit in the Church. (1 Tim 2:11)
* Missionaries: Pray for God’s word to reach all men, and for God to provide for every need of His people according to His wisdom. Especially pray for…
* Barry & Julia Funnell (Children: Lisa, Timothy & Daniel) - Word for the world- UK– translating the Bible.
* Jako & Amber (Jakob & Jeremiah). Mission of Love Orphanage in Kalomo, Zambia.

**If there are any specific prayer requests from anyone in the church please send it to the Pastor to put into the Newsletter**

**Read through the Bible weekly reading**

Monday (11 April):

**Micah 1-7**

Tuesday (12 April):

**Luke 1-6**

Wednesday (13 April):

**Luke 7-12**

Thursday (14 April):

**Luke 13-18**

Friday (15 April):

**Luke 19-24**

Saturday (16 April):

**Ephesians 1-6**

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**14 Celeste Steyn**

**Q. 48. What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?**

A. The sum of the Ten Commandments is, to love the Lord our God, with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

**(Matt. 22:36-40; Mark 12:28-33)**

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MORNING SERMON TEXT: **John 11**

**Do you belive that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life**

The goal of the book of John is stated at the end of the gospel. ***John 20:31*** *but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

The connection between faith in Christ and Life are also central themes in John 11. John 11 is also the central chapter in the gospel of John. The 11th Chapter could be seen as a summary of the whole book.

What is noteworthy is that the order seems to be reversed. Shouldn’t Jesus be the first to raise from the dead and then Lazarus? In the resureection of Lazarus we see **Power and Authority of Christ.** The Son of God has the power to lay down his life and to take it up again (John 10:15-18). Christ is therefore able to raise his people from the dead. He has thye power and authority to raise the dead.

We also note that the event is to **the glory of Christ.** We this in Jesus’ words at the beginning (v4) and just before the resurrection of Lazarus (v 40). This manifestation of Christ’s glory is so that those who witness may believe (v15 & 42).

The central question revolves around Jesus statement or claim.

***John 11:25*** *Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,* ***26*** *and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.*

Jesus ties the faith in the resurrection to him as the Mediator. Christ claims to be the resurrection and the life. Apart from faith in Christ there is no hope of eternal life. Jesus is claiming that he is the only way to eternal life.

Then he asks Martha *“Do you believe this?”* (v26). This is the central question of the text to you and me. Do you believe Christ? Since the purpose of the gospel of John is so that those who believe may have life, the apropriate question is to ask do I believe? Has Jesus convinced me to believe and trust in him for eternal life?

Christianity is not a set of truth claims, but about Jesus Christ. The personal Savior and mediator.