



TAKING ON DEATH

Pastor PJ Berner • June 2, 2024

John 11:28-44 | Gloves Off: Jesus Vs. Our Greatest Foe

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Discussion Questions

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **John 11:35**. Why does Jesus weep, even though he knew he would raise Lazarus from the dead? Why do you think Jesus was deeply moved and greatly troubled when he encountered the mourners and saw Mary weeping in John 11:32-33? How does this challenge or affirm your perception of Jesus' care and concern for you?

2. Read **John 11:32** and **Romans 5:12**. How would you respond to the person who argues that it was unloving and cruel for Jesus to allow Lazarus to die and Mary and Martha to experience such sorrow when he could have prevented his death in the first place? Consider the purpose of the sign revealed in John 11:15 and 11:25.

3. Read **Matthew 5:13**. Discuss the dueling dangers of becoming overwhelmed by or indifferent to the suffering brought by sin in this world. How can you maintain a healthy awareness of the world's brokenness without becoming overwhelmed or indifferent?

4. Read **1 Corinthians 15:51-56**. Knowing the final victory over death and sin has already been won and is secured for us who are in Christ, how should that impact the way we live here and now as we still face the sting of death and the other adverse effects of this sinful and broken world?