

SERMON NOTES

Reason to Believe: More Than A Miracle
John 11

Sometimes we think God's love for us means He should act/respond exactly how we want. We say, "If you loved me..." I believe God loves everyone. However, we often expect God and His love to act in accordance with our wants and will, rather than in accordance with His eternal purposes. Jesus' love acts in perfect accord with the Father's will. Often, we have a man centered worldview rather than a God centered worldview. This is the 7th "sign" or miracle in John's gospel narrative. This miracle was a proclamation to put His glory on display. This miracle was a preview of His resurrection. This miracle was a picture of His great love. As we study this incredible narrative in John 11, we see that the resurrection of Lazarus glorified God and built faith in the lives of people. Today we learn...

Jesus works in your life to glorify God and build your faith!

1. The glory of God is primary! (v. 4)

"Everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory, whom I have formed, even whom I have made." *Isaiah 43:7*

"Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever." *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*

"Life is not divided into sacred and secular categories. Everything we do is for God's glory." *Chuck Swindoll*

2. God is at work bringing people to faith and strengthening your faith. (vs. 14, 21-27, 41, 45)

3. God has the power over death, hell, and the grave! (vs. 25, 43-44)

4. God is personal. He knows and cares for you. (vs. 3, 5, 36)

Take away:

- Your primary focus should be that your life will glorify God.
- Live with a God centered, biblical worldview.
- You can trust that an all knowing, all powerful God is at work in your life.
- You can know that God loves you and cares for you.