The Comfort of Jesus John 11:17-44

Main Idea: The resurrection of Jesus brings comfort in every occasion of life. When we have Jesus, we have life and peace.

The Comfort of Jesus' Presence

Truth: What comfort to have Someone who cares for us. What comfort to know that Someone hears us when we cry to Him for help. What comfort to know that Someone is able to help us through any trial. What a comfort to know that Someone is always present with us.

"And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."" (Matthew 28:20 ESV)

"for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"" (Hebrews 13:5-6 ESV).

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8–9 ESV)

"For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:17–18 ESV)

The Comfort of Jesus' Person

Resurrection: In using the word, "Resurrection", Jesus points us the future day when visible dead bodies are restored and reanimated.

Life: In using the word, "Life", Jesus points us to the present offer of invisible spiritual life that fills the souls of those who were born dead in sin.

Truth: Jesus' person radically changes our experience in our living and in our

dying. Because of WHO Jesus is we can know God right now and we can have confidence when we face death in the future.

The Comfort of Jesus' Promise

Promise #1: Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.

"Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality." (1 Corinthians 15:51-53 ESV)

Promise #2: And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.

"And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."" (Luke 23:43 ESV)

"So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord." (2 Corinthians 5:6-8 ESV)

The Comfort of Jesus' Purpose

Truth: We await a future day when every sorrow will be turned to joy . . . every dark question will be answered with the light of God's love . . . every loss will become our gain . . . every fear will vanish into worship! That day is coming!