

INTRODUCTION

- * The Gospel according to John: John's presentation of Jesus as the Son of God who became the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world, in order to strengthen and unify the church around this core belief.
- * In John 8, we saw that Jesus declared very clearly WHO He was: that He was YHWH Incarnate sent from God the Father, and that each individual's salvation depended upon whether they believed this core truth. It truly brought the TRILEMMA of the religious leaders to a head. WHO WAS JESUS? Who did they say that He was? Was He a blatant false teacher - a liar - as they accused him of being (8:13)? Was He a lunatic, who was demon-possessed, and making ridiculous claims (8:52)? Or, was truly YHWH (the LORD) incarnate as He claimed to be (8:24,28,58)?
- * After declaring this, He healed a man born blind. This was a miracle that was unparalleled. He did what only the Creator could do!
- * He then claimed to be "the Good Shepherd." Again, this was a clear reference to YHWH from Psalm 23:1 and Isaiah 40:10-11).
- * Today, Jesus hits the apex of the crescendo of evidence which He has been presenting - with the resurrection of Lazarus!

INSTRUCTION**I. PREPARATION (10:40-42; 11: 1-16)**

A. The L_____ (10:40; cf. John 1:28; 3:23)

B. The N_____

C. The D_____

1. THE O_____ OF CHRIST

2. THE C_____ OF CHRIST

II. PROCLAMATION (11: 17-37)**A. His Meeting with Martha (11:17-27)**

1. THE DECLARATIONS OF C_____

a. Regarding L_____

b. Regarding H_____ (cf. Job 19:25-27; Psalm 17:15; Isaiah 26:19; Daniel 12:1-2; Hosea 13:14)

c. Regarding O_____ (cf. John 3:14-16; 3:36; 17:1-3; 1 John 1:1-2; 5:11-3; 2 Corinthians 5:1-4; Romans 5:21; 6:22-23)

2. THE DECLARATION OF M_____

B. His Meeting with Mary (11:28-37)

1. THE CONFESSION OF MARY (v. 32)

2. THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST (v. 33-35; Hebrews 2:14-18; 4:15-16)

III. PERFORMANCE (11: 38-45)

A. His C_____ to the People (v. 39-40)

B. His C_____ to the Father (v. 41-42)

C. His C_____ to Lazarus (v. 43-44)

INTROSPECTION

- * WHO IS JESUS TO YOU? IS HE YHWH INCARNATE?
- * IF YOU DIED TODAY, WHERE WOULD YOU GO? HAVE YOU ACCEPTED GOD'S FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE?
- * DO YOU HONESTLY KNOW GOD ...NOT JUST KNOW ABOUT HIM ... BUT KNOW HIM, RELATIONALLY?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How should the awareness of your eternal life affect your present life?
- * What part should the presentation of the promise of eternal life have upon, and within, our witness to others?