

☰☰ To Mary 11:28-37 who weeps at his feet,
Jesus was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly
troubled (vs.33) ► indignant "snorts" and
"weeps"

☑ Jesus indignant at last Great Enemy,
"shroud" (Isaiah 25:7-8), destruction of
the Thief (10:10), slavery to fear of death
Hebrews 2:14-15

☑ Jesus "sits on the mourners bench"
Nicolas Wolterstorff

3. Jesus, the IAM, reverses death, resurrects
Lazarus

☰☰ Jesus authority (11:39,43), glory (vs.40),
Call to Lazarus (43)

= 7th sign ► so you would believe ►
creates crisis among religious leaders
who now plan to put him to death 11:45ff

2 problems, 1 smaller, 1 greater...

Smaller This miracle, resurrection impossible!
NT Wright ► Why the crisis! The Cross!
The real miracle, Great Miracle = Incarnation ►

Greater Spiritual Law of God's being: The wages of sin is death
Can't be reversed! Unless the IAM would
die for sins of people C.S. Lewis "deep magic"

3 "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"
Christians outlived and outdied their contemporaries
How...

First the Relevance to all of us

☑ Existentially

☑ Personally

① How Jesus engages death

1. Jesus puts it in the context of God's glory

☰☰ Sovereignly waits ... for the glory of
God (11:4), for disciples faith (11:14)

The context in which you view death matters!
Godless meaninglessness examples / or God-
glorifying purposefulness example

2. In the face of death Jesus ministers
differently to sisters Martha + Mary

Newbigin ☰☰ To Martha 11:17-27 who has real faith
but sees him as a powerful intercessor with
God, like Elijah, Jesus declares His being I
am the resurrection + life and calls for faith 11:26

② How Jesus empowers us to engage death

Christians

1. Live/die to the glory of Θ *Philippians 1:20ff*

Puritans "dying well"

How? = By faith (11:4, 15, 40) believing in Jesus in face of death glorifies God.

↓ *Pilgrim's Progress*

2. Through faith in Jesus, death is entrance to life

See how this changes everything? Death is no longer the end/curse to be feared but a chapter to be embraced "Laugh at the days to come"

3. As you walk w. people facing death

☑ Sit w. them on mourners bench *Mary*

☑ Help them hold onto Jesus *the Resurrection Martha*

Unbelievers Consider...

Like w. the Religious Leaders (11:48) there may be strong internal motivations (i.e. not only intellectual doubt) that keeps you from belief:

Examples... Come to the Feast *Isaiah 25*