



Immanuel: Among Us – 42

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Holiness

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I. WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead He raised as many questions as He answered. Life has many surprises, and God adds a few of His own as He works His will.

II. IN THIS STORY, JESUS SPEAKS IN THREE DIRECTIONS

- 1. Jesus speaks to God and, indirectly, to us. (v.42)**
- 2. Jesus speaks to us as individuals. (v. 43a)**
- 3. Jesus speaks to us as a body. (v. 43b)**

III. 9 LESSONS FROM LAZARUS

1. Sometimes your struggles are not about you, but for others to see God's glory. (v. 4)
2. God's timing is not always our timing. (v. 6-7)
3. When things get hard, don't forget what you already know. (v. 9)
4. God is at work for us in ways that we don't always see. (v. 14-15)
5. Sometimes our passion is misplaced passion. (v. 16)

6. **Grief is personal. Sometimes two people feeling the same feelings will behave differently. (v. 20)**

7. **We have a savior who is in touch with our feelings. (v. 33-34)**

8. **Some people will understand; and some people won't. (v. 36)**

9. **Obedience is faith manifested. (v. 38)**