WELCOME TO

BELL CREEK
Community Church



NOVEMBER 22, 2026

THE KING CONQUERS DEATH
JOHN CHAPTER 11

SERMON BY: PASTOR FRED WRIGHT

CURRENT SERMON SERIES:
WONDERS OF THE KING — THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

THE KING CONQUERS DEATH
JOHN CHAPTER 11

The King Tarried

The King Wept

The King Commanded

FOR NEXT WEEK
Read Acts 9:1-22

DAILY CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING

NOVEMBER 22: JAMES
NOVEMBER 23: ACTS 15-16
NOVEMBER 24: GALATIANS 1-3
NOVEMBER 25: GALATIANS 4-6
NOVEMBER 26: ACTS 17-18:18
NOVEMBER 27: 1 & 2 THESSALONIANS
NOVEMBER 28: ACTS 18:19-19:41

UPCOMING AT THE CREEK

BELL CREEK BLESSING TREE

If you would like to bless local families by providing gifts for their children, please stop by the table in the back of the gym this Sunday to sign up. If you have any questions, please reach out to amanda@bellcreek.org.

ETHICS SEMINAR

If you are intested in learning how to apply Scripture to your daily life and think bibically about tough issues, join Pastor Dylan for a seminar about Ethics. Class meets at 11:00 AM in the Prayer Room on Sundays.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Our Young Adult Ministry meets Sunday, November 22 from 12:30-2:00 PM. Join us this week as we hear from Brian Yee as he discusses Technology and AI from a Christian perspective.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Pastor Dylan's Systematic Theology class continues on Sundays, from 6:00-7:30 PM in the Prayer Room.

CHRISTMAS AT BELL CREEK

Save the following dates for our upcoming Christmas events!

*Christmas Caroling Outreach & Dinner: Saturday, December 5 beginning at 4:00 PM (Sign up at bellcreek.org)

*Young Adult Christmas Party: Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 PM at Ken's Clubhouse (Contact Gretchen Schick awana@bellcreek.org for questions)

*Road to Bethlehem: Wednesday, December 16 from 6:00-9:00 PM

*Worship Night: Friday, December 18 from 7:00-8:30 PM

*Christmas Eve Service: Thursday, December 24 at 3:00 PM

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:30 PM
FRIDAYS 12 NOON

PRE–TEEN & MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:45 PM
SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP
2ND SERVICE

AWANA

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:45 PM
SEPTEMBER-MAY

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAYS 11:00 AM

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS AT BELLCREEK.ORG

OUR MISSION

MATTHEW 22:37–40

He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and prophets depend on these two commandments.”

MATTHEW 28:19–20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember that I am with you always to the end of the age.

STAY CONNECTED

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU HERE!

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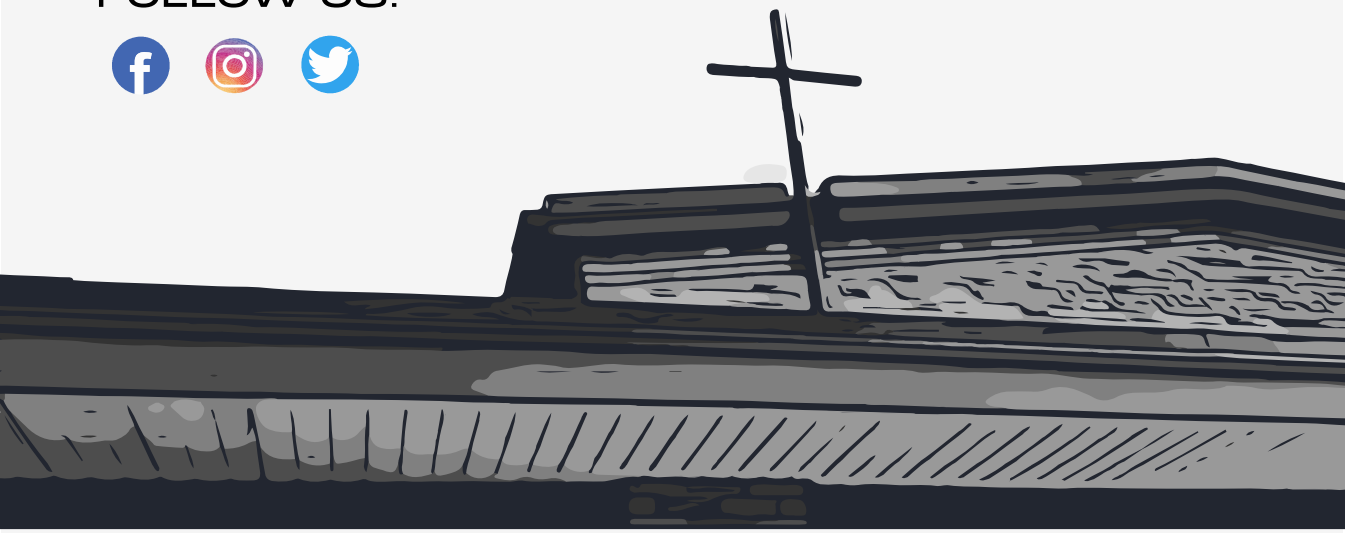

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Sermon Series | Wonders of the King – the Miracles of Jesus

Sunday, November 22, 2026 | The King Conquers Death

Sermon Text: John Chapter 11

Scripture Reading

"When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned." (Psalm 34:17–22, ESV)

The King Tarried

[I'm going to read John 11:1-4 aloud]

> "Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."" (John 11:1–4, ESV)

"Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was." (John 11:5–6, ESV)

The King Wept

[I'm going to read John 11:1-4 aloud]

> "Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."" (John 11:7–16, ESV)

"Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days." (John 11:17, ESV)

[I'm going to read John 11:18-20 aloud]

> "Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house." (John 11:18–20, ESV)

"Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you."" (John 11:21–22, ESV)

"Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."" (John 11:23–24, ESV)

"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"" (John 11:25–26, ESV)

"She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."" (John 11:27, ESV)

> [I'm going to read John 11:28-32 aloud]
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> "When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."" (John 11:28–32, ESV)

"When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept." (John 11:33–35, ESV)

> [I'm going to read John 11:36-37 aloud]
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> "So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"" (John 11:36–37, ESV)

The King Commanded

> [I'm going to read John 11:38-40 aloud]
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> "Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"" (John 11:38–40, ESV)

"So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me."" (John 11:41–42, ESV)

"When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."" (John 11:43–44, ESV)

> "He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken." (Isaiah 25:8, ESV)
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> "And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross." (Colossians 2:13–14, ESV)

Some Questions for Us:

> Jesus is the Son of God, the only Savior, the only One who can take away our sins and give us new life? Do you believe this? If not, why not? What is keeping you from turning away from your old life and trusting Him?
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> Can a man defeat Death? Can wealth, or power, or intelligence, or beauty purchase escape from it? Who among the dead can strike down death and heal his own body and give it the breath of life again, and raise himself from his own grave or urn and see, and speak, and hear, and feel, and walk the earth among us again? "What man can live and never see death? "Who can deliver his soul from the power of the grave?" (Psalm 89:48, ESV)
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> Only One can stand against Death: He who is the resurrection and the Life. Jesus freed Lazarus from the cords of death, and then He Himself went to the cross, bearing the punishment of our sins, and died and entered the grave. But He rose on the third day, defeating death, not only for Himself, but for all who trust in Him. So here is what we must consider: If He has defeated death, what can stand against Him? What are we afraid of? Is there anything you are facing today that is too difficult for the Lord?