



90 - Life of Jesus

Week Eleven - *"Costly Friendship"*

John 11

Bottom line: Friendship in the kingdom of God isn't casual, it's costly.

1. How do you define, or describe, friendship?
2. What makes adult friendships difficult? and What makes them better than the friendships you may have had when you were younger?
3. Read John 11
 - a. What did it cost Jesus to go to his friends when Lazarus got sick and died? Do you think they knew what they were asking of him when they sent word to him?
 - b. Why do you think Jesus went to Bethany despite the danger?
 - c. Read John 15:15 - how does this teaching carry more weight in light of what Jesus had done for Lazarus a week or so earlier?
 - d. How would this teaching make more sense to the disciples when Jesus died on the cross?
 - e. How did Caiaphas weigh life and friendship differently than Jesus did (verse 50)? How does that parallel how the world often views friendship differently than Jesus taught?
4. How does your understanding of friendship change, or need to change, based on the way Jesus reframed it for us in His upside-down kingdom?