

## Easter Eggs – 4<sup>th</sup> Messianic Miracle: Raise Someone 4+ Days Dead

### Discussion Questions:

- Throughout the series, we have discussed how at least part of what made the messianic miracles so challenging is that they had an element of being under God's curse. How would you explain the "under God's curse" aspect of a miracle of raising someone from the dead who had been dead 4 days?
- Would you agree with our statement in the message that "the biggest problem facing humans is death"? Why or why not?
- If someone read John 11 for the first time and responded, "This has to be a myth or fairy tale. I have been to a lot of funerals and dead people don't come back to life." .....how would you explain the story to them?
- If someone read John 11 for the first time and asked you why Jesus was angry, how would you respond?
- What do you think was going through the disciples' minds when Jesus changed his story from "Lazarus is sleeping" to "Lazarus is dead. But this is for the glory of God."?
- When you think of the triumphal entry of Jesus, what comes to mind? What stands out to you? Why?
- Why do you think the Pharisees were worried when they heard that Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead?
- Caiaphas thought he was doing the work of God by protecting the worship of God from Jesus and his followers. Martha declared that she had believed Jesus was the promised Messiah sent by God since he arrived. Which do you think 21<sup>st</sup> century believers in Toronto are more like: Caiaphas or Martha? Why do you answer that way?
- Rank the 4 messianic miracles (heal a leper, cast out a mute demon, heal a man born blind, raise someone 4+ days dead) in order of impressiveness, 1 through 4. Explain your reasoning (these are no correct answers, so give your personal reasoning).
- The average person likely would have either seen Jesus perform the messianic miracles or else heard that he had, yet Jesus died alone with the nation (with very few exceptions) rejecting him and supporting his crucifixion. Why do you think this is? How do you think you would have responded had you been there?
- What is your natural response when you hear of something new/different that is supposedly the "work of God"? Do you naturally start from a position of assuming it is the work of God until proven otherwise, or from a position of assuming it is a fake until proven otherwise? Why do you think that is?