Sunday, March 3, 2024 PRESENTING JESUS PART 2: OMNIPRESENT JESUS

Last Sunday, we began a series called, "Presenting Jesus". That is the vision of this church – for you to have a divine encounter with Jesus. Our first teaching focused on the omniscience of Jesus.

Omniscience: The state of possessing all the knowledge there is.

Therefore, nothing about your life – your past, present, or future is catching Him "off guard". He knows exactly what to do in your life. Preach to your neighbor: "He knows". We saw Jesus' omniscience in the story of Lazarus. Now, we will see His omnipresence.

John 11:17-27 (NKJV)

Jesus arrives in Bethany – 4 days too late. Many people are there to comfort the sisters – Mary and Martha in their trouble. Martha hears that Jesus has arrived and goes to meet Him. She says: "Lord, if you would have responded when we asked, you could have done something about this". Martha had faith in her plan. Even when Jesus said, "Your brother will rise again", Martha considered a miracle in the present impossible. Hope for a past miracle is gone. Hope for a present miracle is not practical. All that is left is hope for the future. But Jesus challenges to trust Him instead of her plan. Jesus said to Martha: "I AM".

Jesus is Lord of the past – working in it for your good and God's glory. Jesus is Lord of the future – already making it bow its knee to His plan for you. Jesus is Lord of the present. Neither the past nor the future will stop His plan for you. The I AM is here!

John 11:28-37 (NKJV)

Martha goes to get her sister, Mary. "Jesus is asking for you", she said. Jesus is asking for you! Mary wants to know why Jesus is asking for her. The plan failed It's too late. How can you be Lord of the present when you didn't follow the plan? They take Jesus to the tomb and Jesus begins to react like a man who knows He missed the opportunity. He is emotional and begins to cry. Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind have kept this man from dying? Don't mistake Jesus' tears as a sign of

hopelessness. He is not crying because He failed. He is crying because you are. He is omnipresent.

He can be present in your pain and present in your victory at the same time!

See how He loved him! See how He loves you! We as the body of Christ live in the same reality. We mourn with those who mourn. But don't mistake our tears as a sign of hopelessness. We live in the reality of Jesus' omnipresence. Present pain but certain victory!

Today's Scriptures:

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