

## **Faith in the Home**

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent, John 11:1-44. "Outcasts of the Grave."**

Three main points can be drawn from today's sermon.

One, Jesus demonstrates His compassion. Even though He knew that Lazarus would be raised from the dead, He wept at the sight of everyone's grief.

Two, His power is awesome. Jesus raised a man from the dead. Lazarus was dead, without question. He was dead four days. This is key, because he wasn't in a coma. He wasn't sick in bed. He was dead and placed in a tomb, and Jesus raised Him. The third point is how Jesus did this. Simply put, Jesus is God, the Son of God. It was the power of God that raised Lazarus from the dead. Jesus would Himself die on the cross soon after this miracle was performed. Three days later He would be raised from the dead by the power of God. What this means for us is that while death is something that we all face. Jesus makes us outcasts of the grave. Though we die, He will call us out of the grave. How do we live before He calls from the grave? We live with our Lord Jesus on the forefront of our hearts and minds. Why? Because He is God, and to have His compassion. While we are counter cultural in many ways, we are called to be compassionate. Jesus came to save us from death because He cares about us.

Finally, when we are asked why we believe what we believe, what better way to start the conversation then to say, "Because eternal life sounds pretty good?" It may sound crazy to the world, but it will get to the crux of what we are about as Christians. Compassion and life that is what Jesus brings to us.