

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for November 5-6, 2005

"Lazarus, Come Forth"

John 11:28-37

The preparation for the miracle (John 11:1-16).

The arrival of Jesus and His disciples in Bethany (John 11:17-37).

Martha was the first of the sisters to encounter Christ (John 11:17-27).

Mary was the second of the sisters to encounter Christ (John 11:28-37).

The word "weeping" (KLAIO) denotes loud, audible weeping, or in other words "sobbing."

The word "moved" (EMBRIMAOMAI) when referring to people usually denotes anger or indignation.

One possible explanation for Christ's anger was their immature faith. But if this were the cause then Christ, I believe, would have been angry with Martha during the first encounter.

Christ's anger was not directed at the immature faith of the mourners, but rather Christ's anger was directed at the cause of their mourning. His anger was directed at death itself (1 Corinthians 15:50-57).

The expression "was troubled" literally means "He troubled Himself." In other words, He voluntarily took on the sorrows of those who had been impacted by the death of Lazarus.

Rather than using the Greek word for loud audible weeping (KLAIO), John used the word (DAKRUIO) that referred to a quiet weeping (John 11:35).

They misunderstood Christ's tears. They thought His tears were a response to the pain of His loss rather than a response to their loss (John 11:36).

May God not only give us the grace to see His power but may God also give us the grace to see His love.