

JESUS HOLDS YOU UP

John 11.1-44 // February 14, 2021

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

Sometimes it may seem that God's desire to be glorified in and through our life, and especially our trials and suffering may seem unfair or unkind, as if we are just a pawn in God's self-glorification game. But God's glory and His love for you are not at odds. Your emotions may tell you that, but it is even His love for us that factors into His desire to glorify Himself in and through your life, because the more He is glorified in and through us, the more joy we receive. That is what we were made for: to reflect the image of God.

**Truth ought to shape your emotions,
Rather than letting your emotions shape truth.**

JESUS WEPT

If Jesus knew, like Mary, that Lazarus would someday be risen from the grave and live forever, why did He weep? He, more than anyone, had an eternal perspective and perfect understanding of God's plan, and He even *purposefully* delayed and could have stopped it, so why is He weeping? To top it off, He knew that in a few moments He would even raise Lazarus and be reunited with Him, physically. So why is He weeping?

Jesus wept as He saw firsthand, as an eyewitness, the pain, agony, and destruction that His greatest enemy, Death, brings to those He loves, His very image bearers that He was sent to save. He became intimately involved in the suffering of His people. Not from a distance, and not even in close proximity, but even as one of us.

JESUS INTERCEDES

Hebrews 4.15, 7.25

The weeping Jesus overcame the death and pain that caused His tears. And today, He stands at the right hand of God as the victorious Jesus who now, because of His intimate knowledge and connection (and defeat) of death and pain, intercedes on our behalf. We are upheld by His moment-to-moment prayers and power for our lives as He applies the power of His salvation to our everyday life.

**Suffering was the part of His priestly work done on earth;
intercession is the part of His priesthood to be performed in heaven.**

**Christ procured salvation by His suffering;
He continues to apply it by his intercession.**

-Kevin DeYoung

Revelation 21.3-7

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 2:4

Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 11.1-44**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

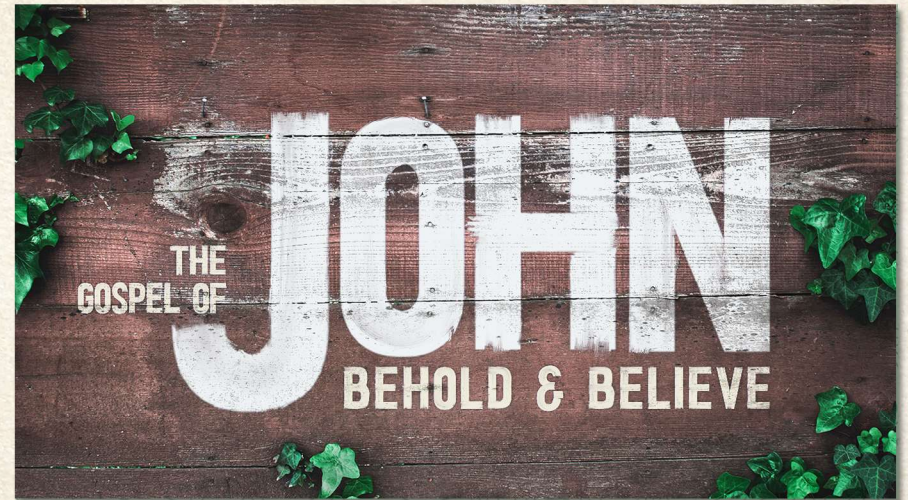
What incredible truths and insight this section of Scripture gives us about Jesus. How do these truths change how you view your everyday life, particularly in the areas of life where you feel like your life will be defined by tragedy or pain?

Your Life Mission

Which relationships or get-togethers might be in your future that you would like prayer for, to help them hopefully see their need for the Good Shepherd in their lives?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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