

John 11:38-44

The gospel of John includes 7 miracles that were genuine miracles highlighting spiritual truth.

Today, we see the final miracle of his public ministry revealing He, alone, has power over death. The spiritual truth is that Jesus awakens the spiritually dead and calls them to newness of life.

Jesus has personally comforted these two sisters and we've seen their shortcomings as well.

Sometimes belief and grief don't mix well.

Last week, we encountered the truth that Jesus was irate at the very presence of death.

This tomb was perhaps a cave....

Again, Jesus is "deeply moved" and it's the same Greek root as before in vs 33.

Take away the stoned revealed Martha's panic...

Jesus wanted Martha's attention to be completely on Him.

Jesus' eyes were lifted to heaven...but everyone else's were fixed on the cave.

He cried in a loud voice....so OTHERS could hear. The moment he cried LAZARUS, he came to life, his heart began beating, everything started working again. This is exactly what happens when a lost person, spiritually dead, is regenerated by the Spirit of God. Once regenerated, that person comes to Christ. This is the effectual call.

HERE! OUTSIDE! Little did anyone else know that Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead directly leads to Jesus laying down His own life.

John doesn't give a description of Lazarus' reunion with Mary and Martha...

Untie him and let him go...

What are you wearing today? The graveclothes of death or the righteous robes of the Gospel of Christ?