

Sermon • Rev. Kyle Parker

Introduction

- Where is Jesus calling you to meet him? What is Jesus calling you to do? Where is Jesus calling

you to go next? What is Jesus calling you to see?

- Jesus weeping is not simply grief, but mixed right in there is his deep righteous anger at death

itself and the horror of sin in us, through us, and around us.

I) Jesus' person conveys care for us (28-33)

- Jesus' statement "I am the resurrection and the life" is revealed in life-giving acts: water to

wine, Nicodemus's new birth, Samaritan's living water, official's sons healing, ambulation to

the poolside paralytic, food to thousands, sight to blindness.

- Jesus radically, relationally, and supernaturally shifts Martha and Mary's faith from just a

future hope to a day-to-day, dynamic, grace-driven relationship.

II) Jesus' principles cultivates character in us (34-40)

- Jesus wept: when explored contextually, we find that he 'burst into tears!'

- B. B. Warfield: "Jesus approached the grave, not in uncontrollable grief but inexpressible

anger...the emotion clamoring for utterance was rage...Mary's distress brought to his

[mind] the evil of death, its unnaturalness, its tyranny."

- Bruce Milne: "In Mary's grief Jesus feels the misery of [humanity] and burns with rage

against the oppressor of men...death is the object of his wrath."

III) Jesus' prayer certifies command over us (41-44)

- Jesus' humility, dependence, and loving honesty: "Father, thanks for listening. I know you

hear me. I want everyone here to believe in you."

- Paul confessed that "to live is Christ, but to die is gain." It is entirely logical to assume

Lazarus might be frustrated at being ripped from glory back into gory.

Conclusion

- Jesus' return risked his and many others lives, why? His unwavering drive to kinetically pursue

God's will! Our job is to follow both his character and lead.

- Do we not mirror the cynicism of the Jewish mourners every time and everywhere we look

down upon, denigrate, judge, or enjoy harming other saints?