

Fifty series
Resurrection and Life
Message Text: John 11:17-37
February 6/7, 2010

*Jesus has been our all-sufficient source for 50 years and He will continue to be so
as we forge ahead.*

Grief and Belief

Anger and Grief

Reversing the Irreversible

Jesus is all sufficient because of His identity not because of His
activity.

Go Deeper:

- 1) Read John 11:1-7. How is Jesus response to the news about Lazarus not what you would expect? Why do you think he responds as he does (see v. 4)?
- 2) Read John 11:21-24. How does Martha's response reveal that she is missing Jesus point? How is Martha's misunderstanding of Jesus message much like some of our own misunderstandings?
- 3) How would you explain Jesus' words in John 11:25-26 to someone else?
- 4) How does Jesus reaction of anger and grief make his response that much more genuine? Is His response a source of comfort for you?
- 5) Look over the entire passage, John 11:1-44, how many times does it refer to the love between Jesus and Lazarus, Mary, and Martha? Why do you think this is stressed?
- 6) How does Jesus manifest His love for this family?
- 7) What is the glory of God? (see v.40) Why would Jesus want us to see it? Why would we want to see it?
- 8) Which is more important, Jesus' activity or His identity? Why?
- 9) Which receives greater emphasis among "Christians" today? Why?
- 10) Why do you think Jesus is more concerned about our faith resting in His identity rather than his displays of the power of God? (see v.45-48)

Next Steps:

- Memorize John 11:25-26.
- I will set aside a block of time this week to just reflect on who Jesus is through His names. (If you need a list one can be found at:
<http://www.apuritansmind.com/christianwalk/mcmahonnamesofjesus.htm>
- I have some issues of unbelief that I need to lay at the feet of Jesus, please pray with me that I will let His resurrection life into these dead areas of my life.