

## **John 11:36-46**

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# **Jesus' Power over Death**

### **1) The Miracle Itself**

- a) Unexpected
- b) Burial Customs / Principles
  - Return to Ground (Gen 3:19)
  - Respect of Body
  - Realistic Means
  - Resurrection-minded (1 Cor 15:42ff)
- c) Jesus' Authority
- d) Raised, not Resurrected
- e) A Metaphor of Christian Life ?

### **2) Jesus' Power over Death**

- a) Death
  - 1. Adam's Curse
  - 2. Eternal Penalty
- b) Jesus
  - 1. In full Accord
  - 2. In full Authority

### **3) Appropriate Response**

- a) General Belief
  
- b) Specific Belief

#### **Praxis**

1. Have you ever tried bringing up the reality of death in a conversation with an unbeliever? Why might this be useful? How might you do so without being cheeky?
2. In what ways might we who hold a "general faith" in Jesus exercise "specific faith" in various situations of life? Why is this important to do?
3. How would you counsel Martha to have responded when Jesus said without explanation, "Take away the stone"...?