

Outline – April 12, 2020
John 3:14-17
The 2nd Question, “Do You Believe This”
John 11:23-27

A Question Many Ask “What Does All Of This Mean”

I. What does all of this mean

- A. Death can come at anytime, to anyone, anywhere
 - 1. 9/11
 - 2. Covid-19
- B. Grief and suffering are realities as we lose things we care about
 - 1. Job
 - 2. Way of life
 - 3. Divorce
 - 4. Retirement
 - 5. Death
- C. How we process grief, suffering and loss depends on what we believe and who we believe in

II. John records, an event, a truth, a claim that changes everything

- A. The event: Lazarus died – grief occurs
 - 1. Jesus’ last public miracle
 - 2. The resurrection of Lazarus
- B. A truth that death can and will be defeated
- C. The claim – “I am the resurrection and life”

III. The greatest claim and promise ever made

- A. I am the resurrection and the life
 - 1. He who believes in me
 - 2. Though they die, yet shall they live
- B. The point is disaster, disease, defiance, death doesn’t win
- C. Jesus has authority, power over sin, disaster, disease, death

IV. The question that determines your eternal life and security
“Do you believe this”

- A. Do you believe
 - 1. He is the one who conquered death
 - 2. He defeated death
 - 3. He is the way, truth, and life
 - 4. He is the great I Am
- B. What He is not saying ...
 - 1. Are you being nice
 - 2. Are you keeping the commandments
 - 3. Are you doing good things
 - 4. Are you following my teachings
 - 5. Are you following certain rules
- C. What Jesus is saying
 - 1. If we believe /persuaded that He alone guarantees eternal life and we believe Him for it we have it
 - 2. If we believe in Him there are no other conditions
 - 3. We don't die ...we simply are transferred
- D. Believing is saying
 - 1. I am convinced what you are saying is true
 - 2. I am persuaded
 - 3. I believe based on
 - a. Predicted prophecy
 - b. Performance of Jesus
 - c. People who saw risen savior

V. Martha’s response “I believe”

- A. You are Messiah
- B. You are the Son of God
- C. The one who was to come into the world

Yes Lord, I Believe
That Is Salvation
That Is Our Hope
That Is Easter

