



John 11:1-44 Lord over death

Verses 1-16

Why does Jesus not go to Lazarus at once? (The passage gives multiple reasons). What does that tell us about his priorities?

How can we bear this in mind when God doesn't act in our lives as quickly as we would like? Or more pointedly, when he allows us to suffer?

Verses 17-37

What does Martha already believe about Lazarus's future? (see verse 24)

What difference does it make to his belief when Jesus says 'I am the resurrection and the life'?

What difference does it make to us that our resurrection hope is so focussed on Jesus?

How do Jesus's emotions in these verses comfort us in our sorrow? (verse 33 - note that 'deeply moved'='indignant' - and verse 35)

Verses 38-44

What does this sign (bear in mind John 20:30) tell us about Jesus - who he is, and what he has come to do?

How can we draw strength from Jesus's power in the face of death?