

<b>SERIES</b>	<b>Beatitudes (Post-Easter)</b>
<b>BIBLE</b>	Matthew 5:4; John 11:1-44; other texts
<b>TITLE/TOPIC</b>	Pt. 3 = Blessed Are Those Who Mourn
<b>OVERVIEW</b>	<p>Going through a season of mourning can be one of the hardest things we do in this life. Whether it is because of the loss of a loved one, another kind of loss, or just simply longing for our eternal home, we all experience this hardship. Jesus promises us a future in which mourning will be gone forever. This future is found in the Kingdom of God.</p>
<b>SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN</b>	<p><b>How Jesus Provides Comfort in Our Times of Mourning (John 11:1-44)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Jesus Assures Us (v.1-16)</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jesus assures those listening that God has a plan for Lazarus’s illness—even if it leads to physical death.</li> <li>○ Jesus tells us that God can and will be glorified even through our seasons of pain.</li> <li>○ See also 2 Corinthians 5:1-5</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><i>Jesus Reminds Us (v.17-27)</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jesus reminds Martha that a resurrection is coming soon, guaranteed because Jesus Himself is the source of resurrection and life.</li> <li>○ As with any reminder, Martha had to choose whether or not she would believe Jesus’ words. We must do the same.</li> <li>○ See also 1 Corinthians 15:20-49</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><i>Jesus Joins Us (v.28-37)</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ When Jesus saw the result of Lazarus’s physical death and the pain it caused those around him, he didn’t shun everyone for their reaction. He joined them.</li> <li>○ We must understand that Jesus joins us in our mourning as well. He sees what we are going through and knows the pain we are in.</li> <li>○ See also Hebrews 4:14-16</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><i>Jesus Lifts Us (v.38-44)</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jesus doesn’t just join us in our pain of mourning; he also has the ability to lift our spirits as we cling to him.</li> <li>○ In this story, Jesus lifts the spirits of Mary and Martha by performing a miracle—raising Lazarus from the dead.</li> <li>○ In our story, Jesus may choose to act differently. But as we cling to him, he will lift our spirits.</li> <li>○ See also Isaiah 55:8-9; Psalm 27:5-6</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>GOSPEL</b>	<p>Jesus came to this earth to join us in our struggle, but he also came to remind us and assure us of a way out of our struggle. Surrendering our lives to him is the only way to be ultimately lifted out of our struggle through the hope of eternal life.</p>

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**NEXTSTEPS**

Begin   Connect   Engage   Grow   Disciple
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