

## Hurricane

John 11:1-57

Key Verse: 11:5-6

1. Read verses 1-6. Where was Jesus when the problem arose in Bethany? What was the relationship between Jesus and the family of Lazarus? (See also Lk 10:38-41) What was the message the sisters sent to Jesus? What was the intention of the message? How did Jesus respond to the news? What is different about Jesus' love and Jesus' way of looking at the problem from that of most people?
2. Read verses 7-10. When Jesus decided to go to Judea, why did the disciples not want to go? What principles of faith did Jesus teach them? What did it mean for them to see by this world's light? (Jn 9:5) What does it mean to walk by night, with no light?
3. Read verses 11-15. What did Jesus teach his disciples about death? How is Jesus' view of death different from that of the disciples? (1Cor 15:20-26; 56,57) Read verse 16. What shows that the disciples were under the power of death? What was the attitude underlying Thomas's decision?
4. Read verses 17-19. What was the situation Jesus found when he arrived in Bethany? What kind of comfort were the Jews from Jerusalem giving Martha and Mary? How did Martha and Mary respond to Jesus' arrival? How did Martha (and later, Mary) greet Jesus? (20-22,32) How did their greeting show both confidence in Jesus and also disappointment? How did Jesus respond to Martha? (23) What did he intend to do? What did Jesus reveal about himself? (25,26) What did Martha believe? What inconsistency can you find between her theology and her practical faith? (23,24,28,39)
5. Read verses 29-37. Think about Jesus' meeting with Mary. How did she reveal her deep love for Jesus, and at the same time, her disappointment? How had her despair been reinforced by the Jews who came to comfort? Look at verses 33-35,38. How are Jesus' emotions described? How are the thoughts of Mary similar to those of the Jewish comforters? (36-37) How is Jesus' weeping different from that of Mary and the Jews?
6. Read verses 38-44. How did Martha and Jesus differ when they arrived at the tomb of Lazarus? What did Jesus teach them? Why had Jesus deliberately come late and what did he want to teach his disciples and his friends through the raising of Lazarus? (4-6,25-26,15,40) How can we see the glory of God? Why must we? Describe the raising of Lazarus. What does this last miraculous sign reveal to us about Jesus?
7. Read verses 45-48. What had Jesus done in Bethany? What were the consequences of this miraculous sign? Did the Sanhedrin acknowledge the facts about Jesus' work? Why were they so upset by him? What excuse did they give for opposing him? What was the skewed logic of this excuse? What can we learn here about sinful mankind? (47-48)
8. Read verses 49-50. Who was the high priest that year? What did he imply as a solution to the dilemma of the Jews? How did he justify the proposed murder of an innocent man? What prophetic words did this high priest say? How did God use this high priest to prepare the world and the disciples for the death of Jesus? What principle concerning God's work can we discern here?
9. Read verses 51-57. What does it mean to bring together and make one the scattered children of God? How does Jesus' death do this? Read verses 54-57. After this, where did Jesus and his disciples go? What was the time? Why were people waiting in Jerusalem? What did the Pharisees say about him? What can we learn about the work of God?