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Series: Ending and Beginning
Sermon Title: Lazarus Lives Again
Sermon Text: John 11:1-57



GC Discussion Questions

Big Idea: *The return of Lazarus from the dead demonstrates that Jesus holds the power of life (physical and spiritual) and gives it to whomever he wills.*

1. How often do you reflect on the reality that one day you will die? What sort of thoughts and emotions do you have when you consider the prospect of dying?
2. Does the text give us any clues as to the reason why Jesus delayed coming to Lazarus, so that he died? (See v. 4, 15).
3. If Jesus already knew that he would raise Lazarus from the dead, why do you think he wept in v. 35? Should death be tragic for the Christian? If so, in what sense?
4. The effects of physical death are obvious. Lazarus died physically and was lifeless, decaying, and producing a stench. But what does spiritual death mean and/or look like?
5. In this text, Jesus shows that he has power over death. But if Jesus had not conquered death on the cross—if death had the last word, and there was no life to be found on the other side—would you still find meaning or hope in your life? Why or why not?
6. Jesus gives life to individuals, but that life is meant to be lived out in community. How does the church community work to make both our physical and spiritual life flourish?