

IF YOU WERE HERE

John 11:17-44

One Option: _____

A gentler option: _____

That leads to _____

Through our _____

Jesus enters and _____

Finding _____

In a _____ healing

God is _____

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

Fun story, my camera stopped recording towards the end of the sermon, so I had to rerecord a bit of it. I am learning. Ok, not that fun of a story. Not as great of a story as what's going on in John 11, that's for sure. This whole story, including the parts I didn't read at the beginning and the end are incredibly powerful. Part of what I left out at the end was that this moment with Lazarus was one of the driving motives of the religious leaders to end the movement of Jesus once and for all. Their chief concern at the moment? Preservation. If this keeps up, the Romans will clamp down. Read John 11.

Reflect:

Jesus is gone, because the last time he was near Jerusalem they tried to stone him to death. How do you hear the statements of Mary and Martha that if he had been there, their brother wouldn't have died?

Jesus proclaims that He is the resurrection and the life – not just for the last day, but for *this* day. How is the resurrection happening in this day in your life? What is dying, and being born anew?

Respond:

Jesus is incredibly disruptive to the world as it was. How do you respond to disruptions?

Remember:

"Jesus wept." John 11:35