

## **Truth, tears and the final say**

John 11:1-44

- A sign is something that points beyond itself to something greater. A sign demonstrates the presence and power of God.
- The Seven Miraculous signs of Jesus started at a wedding and ended with a funeral.

### I. Truth (Vs. 25-27)

- Jesus offers more than a pat answer and more than consolation

### II. Tears (Vs. 33-38)

*“When Jesus saw her sobbing and the Jews sobbing, a deep anger welled up within him.”* John 11:33 (MSG)

*“Jesus wept.”* John 11:35 (NIV)

Why did he weep? Why was He angry? Death

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**“...pray for one another...” James 5:16**

- Death angers God

“The cross points to everything that God is passionate about. God the Son so passionately hates the destructive force of sin that he was willing to die to overcome it. And he so passionately loves humanity that he was willing to give even his own life on our behalf. You know what you are really passionate about when you are willing to lay down your life for it.”  
Erwin McManus

- Death was not part of God’s original plan

*“And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.”*

*Genesis 2:16-17 (NIV)*

*“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

*Romans 6:23 (NIV)*

- Death is an enemy

*“The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”*

*1 Corinthians 15:26 (NIV)*

- The tears of Jesus show He was and is in touch with our humanness (Vs.38)

*“...his heart was touched, and he was deeply moved.”*

*John 11:33 (TEV)*

### III. The final say (Vs.39-44)

*“Is everything sad going to come untrue?”*

*Samwise Gamgee (Lord of the Rings)*

*“But let me tell you a wonderful secret God has revealed to us. Not all of us will die, but we will all be transformed. It will happen in a moment, in the blinking of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, the Christians who have died will be raised with transformed bodies. And then we who are living will be transformed so that we will never die. For our perishable earthly bodies must be transformed into heavenly bodies that will never die. When this happens — when our perishable earthly bodies have been transformed into heavenly bodies that will never die — then at last the Scriptures will come true: “Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. How we thank God, who gives us victory over sin and death through Jesus Christ our Lord!”*

*1 Corinthians 15:51-57 (NLT)*

*“Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.*

*Revelation 20:6, 14 (NIV)*

