

Moving and Troubling Jesus

John 11:17-38

Introduction

The Text

Three Instances of moving Jesus

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One case of a proper response to the nearness of a Divine, gracious King

Wednesday Discussion

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1. What is a typical reaction to doing the right thing and still getting lectured or held to account as though the actions were wrong?
2. Care to share your reaction or feelings when someone close misinterprets and becomes upset at an attempt to be kind/helpful?
3. Why do we feel a pain inside when we experience such an injustice?
4. Why do you think John includes the detail of Mary remaining seated while Martha responds to meet Jesus while he is still outside the village?
5. Consider verse 22 and paraphrase it. What does Martha mean? Is there any indication that Jesus is upset by her statement?
6. Why do you think Martha speaks to Mary in private?
7. What is different about Mary's attitude and statement to Jesus that agitates his spirit?
8. Get behind the statements of verses 36 and 37. What is the attitude of these people and why does it deeply move Jesus in his spirit?
9. What is Jesus' response to these things that **deeply** and **greatly** move his spirit?
10. What can we learn about how to respond to people who are in grief or who assign incorrect motives, etc. even when they intend evil by it?