

Read Passage in Sections

A. Martha's First Encounter (John 11:17–28)

1. Her Belief in Jesus

A. She knows Jesus can heal Lazarus: John 11:3

2. Her Confidence in Jesus

A. She knows Jesus could have healed Lazarus had he been there (11:21)

B. She knows God will grant Jesus' request (11:22)

3. Her Human Limitations

A. She doesn't fully understand the identity of Jesus (11:23–24)

B. She continues to trust Jesus at his word (11:25–27)

4. Her Vision for Others

A. She brings a message to Mary (11:28)

B. Martha's Second Encounter (John 11:38-44)

1. Her Human Limitations

A. She is confronted by the reality of physical death (11:39)

2. Her Confidence in Jesus

A. She is reminded of the words of Jesus (11:40)

3. Her Belief in Jesus

A. She is reminded of her confidence in God (11:22, 41–42)

C. The Cost of Following Jesus (John 11:45–46)

1. Jesus' Actions Demand a Decision on our Part

A. Some recognize the presence of the Lord God Almighty (45)

B. Some recognize God's work as a threat to their way of life (46)

2. The Cost of Following Jesus is Love

A. Jesus loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus (agape) (11:5)

B. Jesus' tears are taken as a sign of his love (phileo) (11:35-36)

3. Following Jesus means Loving like Jesus

A. Why did Jesus weep before going to the tomb? (11:35)

A. He understood the true cost to himself from his upcoming action

B. He knew his love would cost him his physical life

A. John 2:18–19

B. John 3:16–17

C. John 5:16–18

D. John 6:50–51

E. John 7:1, 19, 25

F. John 8:6, 40, 59

G. John 10:31–33

H. John 11:16

4. Loving Like Jesus means our own Death

A. What Does Jesus say to Martha and to all of us? (11:25–26)

B. What Does 1 John say about Love

A. 1 John 3:16, 18, 23–24

The True Cost of Following Jesus is Love

In whom have you seen a life that loves others through the power of God?

What does it look like to love others until you realize the true cost to yourself?

How does one love to the degree that you experience the resurrection power of Jesus?

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