

SERIES: "It's More Like Falling in Love"

SERMON: "'But Lord, the Smell Will Be Awful!'"

SCRIPTURE: John 11:1-53 (The Raising of Lazarus)

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"Jesus raised a man named Lazarus from the dead. He did it not to help Lazarus (although it certainly did help him!), but to help His followers believe in Him. Jesus proves He's worthy of following. In what ways do you need Jesus to come and bring new life to you? What in your life is dead and needs raising? Come this Sunday to hear how the Jesus who raised Lazarus will also raise you. Your faith will be strengthened and you will be lifted up!"

GATHERING SONG: Sanctify

GREETING: David

WORSHIP SET: Sanctify

WORSHIP PRAYER: Andrew Buschena

Kids Go to Kids' Church: Andrew Bonsell

MISSION MOMENT: Dulac: Lindolms & Angie Prchal

**VIDEO INTRO:** Clip from music video, "It's More Like Falling in Love" Jason Gray, artist.

**PP#1:** "It's More Like Falling in Love"

"But Lord, the Smell Will Be Awful!"

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"It's More Like Falling in Love." "But Lord, the Smell Will Be Awful!" John 11:39: "Jesus said, 'Remove the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, 'Lord, the smell will be awful! He's been dead four days.'"

**PP#2:** *Image for Jesus and Martha at the tomb of Lazarus, before the tomb is opened.*

I must say, this is one of my favorite Bible verses. It's not one that gives some grand summary of salvation or expression of God's love. It's just such a raw and honest comment about real life. A dear friend has died way too soon, loved by all. Everyone is upset. Even four days later, the family is crying. Jesus arrives and breaks down in tears, too. It's a touching moment. And then, Jesus' expression changes. He lifts His eternal eyes, takes a profound breath, and authoritatively commands, "*Remove the stone!*" The drama is electric. Hearts stop. People gasp. There is a pause. And in that pause, Martha quietly comments from the sidelines, "But Jesus, the smell!"

What a great human intersection to Jesus' divine power!

And this is where I get into the story. This is a thought that would cross my mind. There are days I try to be full of faith and holiness, but when I'm honest with myself, I admit that this is something I would say. "Wait, think a moment. Can you imagine how putrid the smell is by now?" Nothing makes you gag like rotting meat!

What would you say? What would you be thinking? Imagine yourself there.

That's what we're doing on these Sundays before Easter. We're placing ourselves near Jesus in the stories of the Gospels. We're joining the crowd around Jesus, seeing Him like His first disciples did. They spent time with Him, walked with Him, ate with Him. And they fell in love with

Him. And as we spend time with Jesus, we're falling in love with Him, too.

**PP#3:** *Map showing Jerusalem and Bethany.*

We're in John chapter 11. If you have your Bibles, turn there. We're tackling the whole chapter, so we're going to move quickly. The first year of His public ministry, Jesus was wildly popular. He was the new sensation. In His second year, He begins to get in trouble with the leaders, the religious people, and folks in power. By the third year, there are folks out to get Him. He has to be careful where He goes.

Two miles from Jerusalem was the village of Bethany. Jesus had three very close friends there, Mary, Martha and Lazarus, all siblings. There are other stories about Mary and Martha, so we know them. These three are disciples but not apostles.

**PP#4:** John 11

1 A certain man, Lazarus, was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (2 This was the Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped his feet with her hair. Her brother Lazarus was ill.) 3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, saying, "Lord, the one whom you love is ill."

Let's take a look at chapter 11, starting in verse 1. "A certain man, Lazarus, was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (2 This was the Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped his feet with her hair. Her brother Lazarus was ill.) 3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, saying, "Lord, the one whom you love is ill."

Lazarus is deathly ill. They know Jesus personally, and they've seen Him heal people. So, they send a message. "Jesus, your dear, dear friend is gravely ill. We know how you've been healing complete strangers. Please swing by and heal your friend whom you love so much."

Yeah, I think they're kind of laying it on. But when Jesus hears about it, He uses it as a teaching moment. They're all afraid of death. It's nearing the end of His time with them. So, He needs to show them that when you put your trust in Jesus, you don't have to be afraid of death.

**PP#5:** John 11

4 When He heard this, Jesus said, "This illness isn't fatal. It's for the glory of God so that God's Son can be glorified through it." 5 Jesus loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus. 6 When He heard that Lazarus was ill, He stayed where He was. After two days, 7 He said to his disciples, "Let's return to Judea again."

Jesus says the illness isn't fatal. Well, actually, it is. But Jesus is saying that in the end, Lazarus won't stay dead. This is an opportunity to show how amazing God is. So Jesus purposely stalls around for a couple more days. Now, John knows this may make people think that perhaps Jesus wasn't really that close to this family. So, John says it, "Jesus loved them." So, the wait is intentional. Jesus is up to something.

Are you intrigued? Are you wondering? As we watch Jesus, we wonder, "What's He up to?"

Then, finally, after days pass, Jesus finally decides to head there.

Those in the story don't doubt Jesus' love for Lazarus. Instead they suspect another reason Jesus may be stalling. Judea is dangerous for Jesus. The Jewish leaders don't like Jesus. If they see Him, they could even try to kill Him.

But this doesn't seem to be a concern for Jesus, even though we discover that Jesus won't return from Judea this time.

**PP#6: John 11**

8 The disciples replied, "Rabbi, the Jewish opposition wants to stone you, but you want to go back?"

9 Jesus answered, "Aren't there twelve hours in the day? Whoever walks in the day doesn't stumble because they see the light of the world. 10 But whoever walks in the night does stumble because the light isn't in them."

11 He continued, "Our friend Lazarus is sleeping, but I am going in order to wake him up."

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The disciples think Jesus is avoiding Judea for safety, so when He says they're going there, they're surprised. Remember, you're in this crowd. You realize how dangerous this is. It's like Jesus announcing that He just booked flights for us white Americans to go into ISIS strongholds in Syria. Yep, their eyes widened, just like that!

Jesus responds with a proverb. Yes He's going into dangerous territory, but the time hasn't come just yet. It's still "daytime," when it's safe to travel. The nighttime is coming, and the time of darkness, and stumbling, and those who don't have the light. They will strike, but it will not be until the time of darkness. He's not afraid. It all goes according to the plan.

Then He goes back to His lesson. He knows Lazarus is dead. But He speaks about it like to Him, it's no big deal...just like waking a sleeping person. The disciples don't get the metaphor.

**PP#7: John 11**

12 The disciples said, "Lord, if he's sleeping, he will get well." 13 They thought Jesus meant that Lazarus was in a deep sleep, but Jesus had spoken about Lazarus' death.

14 Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died. 15 For your sakes, I'm glad I wasn't there so that you can believe. Let's go to him."

16 Then Thomas (the one called Didymus) said to the other disciples, "Let us go too so that we may die with Jesus."

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Look, he's actually dead. But I didn't go to heal him because this way, you can understand about God's power in me over death. Thomas, however, is still stuck on the danger. But he has courage and resolve. If Jesus is going to go get Himself killed, we should go with Him. We'll follow Him even to death!

Pretty courageous, huh? And they do it. Are you convinced? Are you deciding to go along,

too? It's dangerous. It may mean your death. Are you willing?

The disciples here are bold, in the safety and quiet of Galilee. But we know that within a couple of weeks, when it gets hot, they'll all deny Jesus and flee.

I'm like that. I'm bold sometime. Other times I'm a coward for Jesus. Cool thing is that even when they—and we—give up on Jesus, Jesus never gives up on them, or us. And that's how we get strong.

**PP#8: John 11**

17 When Jesus arrived, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 18 Bethany was a little less than two miles from Jerusalem. 19 Many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary after their brother's death. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary remained in the house. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died. 22 Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you."

Verse 17: "When Jesus arrived, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days." News traveled slowly in those days. Lazarus was dead even before Jesus heard he was sick. Verse 18 "Bethany was a little less than two miles from Jerusalem. Many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary after their brother's death. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary remained in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died. Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you.'"

Martha was always the busy one. So, when she hears that Jesus was on His way, she goes out to meet Him. She greets Him with a statement of belief and conviction, "I just know that had you been able to get here in time, you could have healed him. And now, he's died. Yet, I've seen too many miracles with you to think there's no hope. I know that when you pray, God does what you ask."

How about you? You just heard Martha say that. Do you think that way, too? You've seen Jesus make the paralyzed man walk, and the chronically sick man well. Do you believe Jesus can do anything? Well, if you're not quite there yet, then Jesus stalled for two days just for you.

**PP#9: John 11**

23 Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."

24 Martha replied, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day."

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. 26 Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

27 She replied, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God's Son, the one who is coming into the world."

Verse 23, "Jesus told her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha replied, I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day." She is a woman of faith, and she believes that God will grant eternal life on the day of resurrection for those who die loving God.

Yes! She's right! She gets it. But Martha still talks to Jesus like God and He are close friends, not the same! So, time for Jesus to bring it all home! "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. 26 Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'"

This is one of the most important things we've ever heard Jesus say. Did it startle you? Were you taken aback? Huh! God grants resurrection in eternity. Yes. But Jesus said it is through Him! He is the resurrection and the life. If we believe in God, we live. Yes. And now Jesus is saying, if we believe in Him, we live. When we live in Jesus, we will never die! Like Lazarus, we may die by what the world sees, but according to God, we're no worse than sleeping, and need to be poked a bit. No big deal. Do you believe this?

This is the ultimate question. We're standing there watching Jesus and Martha. We just heard Jesus ask. We stare at Martha. What will she say? What would *we* say? What do we believe? Jesus is a miracle worker, yes, that we know. But now Jesus is saying that it's not about the miracles. In fact, the miracles are about something else. They're about Jesus! The miracles point to who Jesus is, that He is the Son of God, the Resurrection and the Life. Do you believe this? Because if you do, then you won't die. You'll be like Lazarus and live!

But Lazarus is dead. Kinda hard to make the connection yet. It's coming. Even so, Martha has incredible faith! Much more keen than the disciples who had been following Jesus around for three years. Verse 27, "She replied, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God's Son, the one who is coming into the world.'"

Bam! Did you hear that? Did you hear what she just said? Incredible. Are you stunned? What's going through your brain? Would you be able to say that? Is she right? We're standing here, kinda dazed, blinking and frozen. And Mary slips away back to the village while we try to get our brain around what just happened.

#### **PP#10: John 11**

28 After she said this, she went and spoke privately to her sister Mary, "The teacher is here and He's calling for you." 29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Jesus. 30 He hadn't entered the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him. 31 When the Jews who were comforting Mary in the house saw her get up quickly and leave, they followed her. They assumed she was going to mourn at the tomb.

32 When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died."

Verse 28, "After Martha said this, she went and spoke privately to her sister Mary, 'The teacher is here and He's calling for you.'" Evidently at some point Jesus had asked Martha about her. "When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Jesus. He hadn't entered the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him." Jesus is still back with us, as we're whispering about what He meant by what He just said. "When the Jews who were comforting Mary in the house saw her get up quickly and leave, they followed her. They assumed she was going to mourn at the tomb. When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet and said, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died.'"

We see Mary collapse at Jesus' feet. And what faith - she truly believed that He could have healed him. But now, poor thing, now that he's dead, now there's nothing to do. Jesus does miracles, but death is death.

#### **PP#11: John 11**

33 When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, He was deeply disturbed and troubled. 34 He asked, "Where have you laid him?"

They replied, "Lord, come and see."

35 Jesus began to cry. 36 The Jews said, “See how much He loved him!” 37 But some of them said, “He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn’t he have kept Lazarus from dying?”

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This is one of the most tender scenes in all of Scripture. Jesus is deeply moved by the situation. He feels their pain, so vividly. He knows He’s going to raise Lazarus, but still He identifies with them. And He is distraught by how people are such victims of the power of death. He knows our fears. He understands what we’re up against. And He feels with us, His heart is with ours.

There’s something powerful here, something that gets to me. Jesus knows my situation. He feels it with me. He knows. He understands. Even though He is my God, He is also my friend. And He loves me, loves me enough to come down into my pain with me. Jesus cries with me.

Are you seeing this? As you watch Jesus, are you moved, too? Does your heart swell? Does your love for Him grow? It does, me!

But, of course, some mutter. Verse 37 “But some of them said, ‘He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn’t he have kept Lazarus from dying?’” He did miraculous healings with others, why didn’t He do it for His friend? That crossed my mind, too. But keep watching!

#### **PP#12: John 11**

38 Jesus was deeply disturbed again when He came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. 39 Jesus said, “Remove the stone.”

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Verse 38, “Jesus was deeply disturbed again when He came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance.” Why was Jesus deeply disturbed? Yes, He was confronted with the death that holds people so powerless. Jesus is disturbed by how death holds us prisoner. And Jesus is going to do something about it! Or, might He also gotten a shiver at this foreshadow of His own tomb, forebodingly just like this, a cave in the side of a hill, with a stone sealing the entrance? Jesus has power over death, tombs, over tombs just like this, over graves like yours.

“Jesus said, ‘Remove the stone.’” Jesus is doing a miracle. But notice, He calls upon us to do what we can. Will we move the stone? Do we believe? Do we trust enough to obey, even when we aren’t convinced? This is our test of faith, our question from Jesus. And this is why I so love Martha’s response. It’s so practical. Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, “Lord, the smell will be awful! He’s been dead four days.”

Jesus waited this long, I think, to convince us all that Lazarus was truly dead. He just didn’t swoon or pass out for a while. He was really dead: four-days dead!

What’s been dead in your life so long it stinks? Jesus is raising Lazarus. As you watch this, you see your grave being opened. Jesus opens Lazarus’ grave, His grave opens on Easter, and He opens yours and mine.

But as we watch this, it dawns on us that this whole miracle is showing us that Jesus brings life to death. In what ways is there death in your life, in you? In what ways are you dead? Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Do you believe this? Do you believe it enough to give Jesus not just your grave, but your life, too? Jesus doesn’t just bring release from death, Jesus is the life, and gives full and abundant life. In what ways do you need Jesus?

**PP#13: John 11**

40 Jesus replied, “Didn’t I tell you that if you believe, you will see God’s glory?” 41 So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. 42 I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me.” 43 Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 44 The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

Verse 40, “Jesus replied, ‘Didn’t I tell you that if you believe, you will see God’s glory?’” Martha, do you believe this? We come to our senses, and we join in, pushing against the stone. We brace for the smell. “So they removed the stone.”

Jesus then prays, out loud, to be sure that we can hear. Verse 42, “Jesus looked up and said, ‘Father, thank you for hearing me. I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me.’” Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Untie him and let him go.’”

It’s so we may believe that God the Father sent Jesus. It’s so we may believe!

Jesus says to us, “Untie him and let him go.” We startle and jump to action. We’re overcome! Lazarus is alive! Jesus raised the dead! It’s true, the grave has no power over Jesus. We fear it, but Jesus does not. We need to keep close to Jesus!

And again, we do our part. We untie the bound man. Jesus commands you, to what is bound up in your life, what is caught, stuck, trapped, “Untie it and let it go!” Jesus has brought the healing, the forgiveness, the new life. We must untie it. We must release it. If we don’t it stays bound!

**PP#14: John 11**

45 Therefore, many of the Jews who came with Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in Him. 46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

Verse 45 “Therefore, many of the Jews who came with Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in Him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.”

“This is so that they will believe you sent me.” And many do. Jesus used Lazarus’ death to show that we can believe. Lazarus is not dead. Jesus is the resurrection and the life! When we believe in Him, we will not die, but live!

Some doubted. They see a miracle, and all they can see is a problem! They told the Jewish leaders, who were very afraid of Him. The people will believe and follow Him, not those who are currently in charge. It will mean uprising, and we’ll lose our power. That we can’t have. So, as the next verses explain, they decide to devise a plot to get rid of Him, permanently!

So ironic, Jesus’ demonstration of power over death causes some to kill Him. But, as Jesus said, the darkness causes people to stumble who have no light. That time now draws close.

**PP#15: ““But Lord, the Smell Will Be Awful!””**

1. Jesus brings life to death

Wow! What an amazing story, what an amazing experience it has been with Jesus today! And through this account, we were placed there. We got to see Jesus, and see what He did! Amazing!

You know, for this sermon series, the two Andrews, Amelia and I all chose together the different stories we're preaching on. I said this story just had to be included, because it blows me away. In this story, I see a Jesus that captures me, a Jesus that I love with my whole being, a Jesus that I'd be willing to die for.

Jesus is not afraid of death! I don't know anyone else who isn't. Death is the great power, the great fear, of our lives. Jesus calls it sleeping. He has power over it like it is nothing. I want this Jesus! And Jesus did all this in the story, just to help me believe. He knows I struggle with that. So He shows Himself in a way that captures me. Do you believe this? Well, I may not understand it, I may not believe perfectly, but I'm putting my lot in with this guy. I believe that He is the resurrection and the life. I come to the Father through Him.

**PP#16:** ““But Lord, the Smell Will Be Awful!””

1. Jesus brings life to death
2. Jesus gives me a part in His miracles
3. Jesus truly identifies with me
4. Jesus is my resurrection and life!

Now I still have to do my part. I have to roll the stone away, unbind the wrappings, I have to get up and go out each day and love my neighbor, and I have to be fully invested in my daily work in order to bring glory to God. And God will show up and do miracles, but God also has a part for me. I get to be a part of the miracles that God does!

**PP#17:** ““But Lord, the Smell Will Be Awful!””

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3. Jesus truly identifies with me
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I am moved by how moved Jesus is. He really gets me. He really understands my pain, my plight, my situation. He's here with me, fully, spiritually, intellectually, emotionally. I am not alone. We do not have a Savior who cannot identify with us! He is with me!

**PP#18:** ““But Lord, the Smell Will Be Awful!””

1. Jesus brings life to death
2. Jesus gives me a part in His miracles
3. Jesus truly identifies with me
4. Jesus is my resurrection and life!

I need Jesus in my life. I have death, my own death coming, and all kinds of ways that my life is already dead. I need Jesus' raising from the dead power. I have parts of my life that stink, that I'm too embarrassed to roll away the stone in case others smell the stink, too. But Jesus can bring new life. My life is not defined by death, bounding between the boundaries of birth and inevitable extinction. My life is defined by Jesus, who is the Life, abundant and eternal, without the boundary of death! I am not dead, I am alive. I will not die, I will live forever. This is the Jesus I follow. This is the Jesus I cling to. This is the Jesus I love.

Martha, do you believe this? Mary, do you love my Jesus, too? Lazarus, will you live again?



**PP#19: Response:**

Martha, do you believe this? - Receive Holy Communion

Mary, do you love Jesus? - Count the ways, in blessings

Lazarus, will you live again? - Share new life, through UMCOR

I'm going to invite you to answer these three questions in three ways. One is to express your belief, your love, your commitment, in the ritual of taking Holy Communion. We're going to take Holy Communion by counting our blessings. So the second response is to bless God for how we are blessed. Let us count the ways we love Jesus! And thirdly, as we get ready for this, I also invite us to share how this new life with those who are experiencing death and binding, and defeat. We share it by supporting UMCOR, sharing the new life of Jesus with those in need. We begin with this one.

**MISSION MOMENT: One Great Hour of Sharing**

Video

Prayer - Andrew Buschena

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Time of reflection and confession

Words of Institution

Love Moment - Amelia Buschena

Prayer of Blessings

Sharing of the Elements (Pastor David, Amelia, Mary Halverson, & Angie Prchal)

**CLOSING SONG:****BENEDICTION**

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR MARCH 6, 2016

**Winter Series:** “Spiritual Growth”

**Sermon:** “Do You Want to Get Well?”

**Scripture:** John 11:1-53

## Opening prayer

**Introductions:** Share a way you’ve seen God bring about new life?

**Background:** Skim John 10 & 12. What is going on in these chapters?

**Read:** John 11:1-16

1. Explain the status of Lazarus: Is he dead or alive or sleeping or what?
2. Verse 4, 14. Why does Jesus not rush to go heal Lazarus?
3. Verse 9-10. Why isn’t Jesus worried about the powers out to get Him?

**Read:** John 11:17-27

4. Describe the faith status of Martha. What did she believe, and describe how it evolved?
5. Verses 25-26. Do you believe this? Why or why not?

**Read:** John 11:28-37

6. Describe Mary’s faith. What did she believe, and how did it evolve?
7. Verse 33. Why, do you think, was Jesus deeply disturbed and troubled. Might there be more than one reason?
8. Verse 35. This is the shortest verse in the Bible. Why is it also so very important?

**Read:** John 11:38-45

9. Verse 39. Jesus is disturbed again. How is this scene similar to Easter morning?
10. Verse 39, 44. Jesus could have done everything Himself. Why might He have told the people to do parts that they could do?
11. Verse 42. Why is Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead?

**Read:** John 45-53

12. Describe the different reactions to Jesus’ miracle. Why did the leaders plot to kill Jesus?
13. Application: What will you take away from this passage? How will you live it out?