Loving People Who Grieve

John 11:1-53
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Learning to Love Like Jesus
Understand That Physical Death Is NOT The Final Reality.

• Our perspective is off
• God has a very different perspective
• Ultimate reality is found in eternity

“When Death Comes...Look For God’s Purpose!”
Dealing With Death Brings Out The BEST... And The WORST in People

• It revealed the best of Thomas vs 16
• It revealed the worst of religious leaders vs 45-50

Be Aware...Be Prepared.
Look For the Best, Prepare for the Worst
Death Reminds Us Of The Urgency Of Our Faith

- Physical Death: Leaving this life
- Spiritual Death: Life w/o Christ in eternity

“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”

Col 4:4-5
Death Reminds Us That Sometimes We Need Others To Truly Live

• Jesus didn’t need any help!
• Lazarus needed help with the stone…and grave clothes

• “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

• 2Cor 5:17
• Eph 4:22
• Col 2:11
Sometime soon death will visit...

- Focus on the RIGHT thing...the life to come
- Be ready for the best...or the worst
- Look for God’s purpose
- Hold onto the urgency of your faith
- Be willing to help “unwrap” those who need help

Most of all:

MAKE SURE YOU ARE READY!