SCHEDULED TO SERVE: May 9, 2021

Memory Verse for the Week: John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

MORNING

Refreshing Quotes: "The brightest view of life is often seen through the weakened eyes of the elderly."

Song Leader: Brian
Prayer: Joe
Lord's Supper: James B.
Lesson: Bill
Closing Prayer: Bob S.

EVENING

Song leader: Jerry
Prayer: Jim
Lord's Supper: Chase
Lesson: Bill
Closing Prayer: Pat



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Sunday:

Bible Study:

9:30AM—10:15AM;

10:30 AM Worship

6:00 PM Worship

Wednesday:

7:00 PM

Elders:

Jerry Riggenbach

Brian Miller

Preacher:

Bill Myers

May 9, 2021

RESTING IN THE ARMS OF GOD

"These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep" (Jn. 11:11). The story of Lazarus is one of compassion and friendship. John makes it a point in his gospel to comment on the relationship Jesus had with this family. "Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus" (Jn. 11:5).

The death and resurrection of Lazarus by the Lord is an amazing story to read. Yet most importantly is the tears the Lord sheds (vs. 35), and the faith that Martha and Mary had in Jesus (vs. 27).

The sadness of the story is that Lazarus was resting in Hades at the time his spirit was called back to earth. He had fought his battle and was enjoying the reward of faithfulness. He was in Abraham's bosom and celebrating the joy of forever being with the righteous. In a twinkling of an eye, he was now walking among the living. This meant he entered once again a world of temptation, sorry, and pain. This meant he could lose what he had achieved. He would also have to die again.

Could it be that the tears the Lord shed that day in response to the sadness of the crowd also was motivated by knowing that peace was taken from Lazarus? It was a great day to show the power of the Messiah. It was a joyful time for Martha and Mary to have their brother back with them. It was a day when the people and the disciples witnessed the power of God. But for Lazarus it was a day he did not desire after spending time enjoying the comfort of the prophets and the homecoming of the righteous.

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Sunday Morning Sermon

WHAT THE CORONAVIRUS HAS TAUGHT US

- I. WE ARE **VULNERABLE**
- II. LIFE IS VALUABLE
- III. WE ARE **VAGUE** IN UNDERSTANDING
- IV. VALIDATED OUR FAITH

Sunday Evening Sermon

BEING BEFORE BECOMING

- I. THE PATH DESCRIBED
- II. THE PASSAGEWAY DETECTED
- III. THE PROOF OF DISCIPLESHIP

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Yes, the disciples followed Jesus but not on Twitter!

Those Who Need Our Prayers.

All those who have lost loved ones recently.

Don Lambert Jennifer & Avery

Thelma Fife The India & Ivory Coast Missions

Sue Bowers Our Friends at the Garden

Christa Hall Bobbi Propt Chase Kyle Horton

Steve Dulle Avery
Dan Vogel Dan Dulle

Gloria

We rejoice with the baptism of Kay Mansfield who was baptized this last week.

The Paulding church of Christ lectureship is scheduled for June 12.