**Faith Foundations 2025-2026**

**The Gospel of John (Part 2)**

**Session 2—John 11:27-44**

**In this week’s lesson, we conclude the well-known story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. More than any miracle other than His own resurrection, this event proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that Jesus was who He said He was: the coming Christ and the Son of God who was one with the Father in their shared divine essence. However, this event also shows Jesus’ human side, as His reaction to what occurs are very similar to the ways any of us would react under similar circumstances. Jesus is thus shown to be fully divine and fully human, which is what the Christian church has always confessed about His identity.**

**1.) Read John 11:28-37. After Martha’s confession of faith in Jesus, what did she go to do?**

**2.) Who came out to meet Jesus? Who went with her, and why?**

**3.) What did this person say to Jesus? How was this itself a confession of faith in Jesus?**

**4.) How did Jesus react to seeing and hearing these things? Why is this significant, especially in light of what He knew He would do for Lazarus in just a few minutes?**

**5.) How should Jesus’ attitude toward death shape our attitude toward death, even knowing that there is salvation and eternal life for those who trust in Him?**

**6.) How did the Jews react to Jesus’ display of emotions? What were some of them saying, and what did it reveal about their view of His actions up to this point?**

**7.) Read John 11:38-44. When Jesus arrived at the tomb, what did He tell the people to do? Who objected, and why?**

**8.) What was Jesus’ response to this objection? What did people do in response, and what did this show about their faith in Him?**

**9.) What did Jesus say in His prayer to the Father? Why did He say this prayer out loud, in the hearing of everyone else?**

**10.) What did Jesus then say? What happened as a result?**

**11.) What is the significance of Jesus accomplishing this great miracle simply by the power of His Word?**

**The point was clear: Jesus was the Son of God who wielded the power of God on behalf of His people. But He also identified with them in their sufferings and wept with those who mourned. This is a great comfort to us Christians today, as it reminds us that He has experienced all the joys and sorrows of life in this sinful world. He knows exactly what it is like to live here, and thanks be to God, He was willing to endure it for our sakes!**