

Is Seeing Believing?

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John 11:1-16

In John 10 Jesus asserts that "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand" (v. 28). Then Jesus proves His power and equality with God as a witness to the Disciples and to all believers throughout time. "Seeing is believing" we are told, yet Jesus wanted all those who followed Him to believe beyond what they might see. When Lazarus had died, Jesus said, "I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe" (11:15).

We are human and limited, so it is shocking to learn that death can be anything other than an enemy. Jesus explained to Thomas and the other disciples that the death of one of His closest friends, one of the few the Bible says that "Jesus loved," was a method of learning belief and trust in Jesus as Messiah and Lord.

My own faith is often set and solid, which is a good thing. Yet I need to be willing to let God use whatever method He would to grow me into His image.

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