

# SERMON OUTLINE John 12:1-11

Firm in Faith and Free from Fear

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## **INTRODUCTION**

## **DEATH AND RESURRECTION FORESHADOWED**

*Resurrection Foreshadowed*

*Death Foreshadowed*

## **FREED FROM FEAR AND FIRMED IN FAITH**

*Firmed in Faith*

*Freed from Fear*

## **CONCLUSION**

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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The big ideas of this passage are familiar: 1) The blinding effects of sin, and 2) The unstoppable grace of God. And the main takeaway for us today is trust in Jesus in such a way that frees us from the fear of man.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Do you tend to get more excited about Christmas or Easter? Why do you think that is?
3. What is the biggest step of faith you've ever taken? What was the result?
4. Pastor Dave mentioned in the sermon that God created certain physical things and orchestrated certain historical events to help us understand and appreciate the greater spiritual realities. Which of these (from the sermon or Bible) most stands out to you? Can you name any ways they have helped you in your faith?
5. What do you think it would be like to be physically raised from the dead? How do you think it would change your life?
6. Can you imagine being upset with someone for being raised from the dead? Why were the chief priests?
7. What has been most helpful to you to grow more firm in your faith or free from fear?
8. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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9. Tell someone about how Christmas relates to Easter this week.
10. Make a list of three different aspects of God's creation or providence that are meant to teach a greater spiritual lesson.
11. Take some time this week to consider the simple fact that apart from God's grace, we are all exactly like the religious leaders who wanted to kill Jesus and Lazarus. Turn this to God in prayer.
12. As you consider this passage/sermon this week, humbly ask the Holy Spirit to drive these truths into your mind and heart.
13. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
14. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

## PRAYER POINTS

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15. Adoration. Praise God for being eternally triune. Praise God for taking on flesh. Praise God for making perfect atonement for our sins. Praise God for being perfectly merciful and gracious. Praise God for being resurrection life.
16. Confess. Confess any fear you have for the things of earth. Confess any ways you've acted faithlessly this week. Confess any pride that has led you to believe you deserved to be saved or trusted in Jesus because of some inherent goodness in you.
17. Thanksgiving. Thank God for Christmas and Easter together. Thank God for Lazarus and the ways his life points us to Jesus. Thank God for the ways He uses Christians to point to Himself. Thank God for the chance to share the Gospel with others.
18. Supplication. Ask God to save someone through our church's evangelistic efforts this week. Ask God to help someone celebrate Christmas for the first time this year. Ask God to make us a humble people. Ask God to fill us with faith and drive out all fear.