

Slow Down & Read It Again

(John 11:1-57)

- Introduction:
1. The Bible is a “gold mine,” with nuggets on the surface, and nuggets that require effort to dig up.
 2. I’m convinced we would probably all agree that we don’t spend enough time studying the Bible.
 3. Too many things compete for our time, and we don’t always make the best choices.
 4. Today, I want us to go to a familiar passage, and not talk about the obvious, but the not-so-obvious lessons from this passage.

I. (John 11:16) Thomas’ Faith

- A. We have unjustly dubbed Thomas the “doubter.”
- B. (John 14:5).
- C. (John 20:20,27).
- D. (Mark 16:14).

II. (John 11:33) Jesus Groaned

- A. “To snort with anger.”
- B. Like a bull that paws at the ground before it charges.
- C. (1 Corinthians 15:25-26).

III. (John 11:39) Take Away The Stone

- A. God expects cooperation.
- B. (1 Corinthians 1:21).
- C. (2 Corinthians 4:7).

IV. (John 11:47-52) Prophesied of Jesus’ Death

- A. God’s plans cannot be thwarted.
- B. (Isaiah 14:27).
- C. (Job 42:2).

- Conclusion:
1. Don’t find yourself in opposition to God.
 2. His ultimate will cannot be thwarted.
 3. Are you “fighting” any of his commands today?
 4. Just as Jesus had to die to win, so we must surrender to gain the victory.