

## Notes on Last Sunday's Message

### **WAKE UP FRIEND! John 11**

- Jesus said: "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up!"
- Jesus calls us friend -- He weeps for us.
- He calls the dying of the physical body sleep.

**Friend** **Jesus is our friend.** Perhaps friendship is the greatest kind of love. We like and enjoy friends and seek their company.

- "Behold! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear me calling and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal as friends." Rev. 3:20

- **Friendship with Jesus creates faith to believe** in resurrection. The world looks differently - more hopeful - of good cheer ...when you have a friend who can raise the dead. • Martha said, "Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died..... Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die like everyone else, will live again...Do you believe this Martha? Yes Lord, I believe you are the Son of God who has come into the world from God."

**Wept** The first simple reason Jesus raised Lazarus was his compassion for the sisters.

- "When Jesus saw her weeping...and saw the other people wailing with her....Jesus wept!"
- End of Tears • The day is coming when He will remove all our sorrows and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. For the old world and its evils are gone forever." Revelation 21:4

**Sleeps** Sleep is a temporary state of unconsciousness from which we wake up. Sleep from which we awaken into a new world.

- **A preview of his and our awakening:** Jesus said, "Roll the stone aside." Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" He came out bound in grave clothes, his face wrapped in a head cloth. Jesus said, "Unbind him and let him go!"
- **Waking up day:** "But let me tell you a wonderful secret God has revealed to us. Not all of us will FALL ASLEEP (the original language) but we will all be transformed. It will happen in a moment, in the blinking of an eye, when the last trumpet has blown. For when the trumpet sounds, the Christians who have died will be raised with transformed bodies." I Corinthians 15:51-52