

## SINGLE ALLIANCE

### Jesus Comes to Where You Are

#### I. Introduction

- A. We finished the series called Knowing God last week
- B. This week I want to share a message called, "**Jesus Comes to Where You Are**"
- C. Texts: **John 11:15, John 12:1**

#### II. Jesus comes to bring resurrection! - John 11:15

- A. Lazarus had gotten gravely sick [no pun intended] and word was sent to Jesus. However, Jesus stayed where He was for four days. He allowed what was dear to Him to die before He came where Lazarus was. He then told His disciples that they would go to where Lazarus was.
- B. Many times we have areas in our life that are separated from Jesus. We try to make them work, but they end up gravely sick. We call upon Jesus and want Him to come to heal our situation. However, we often just want Jesus to make things better so we can go on like we have been. As long as we want to continue to have an area of our lives to ourselves and to do things our way then Jesus will not come until it has died.
- C. Jesus did not come to Lazarus to heal him, he came to give him a new life and change him.
- D. Notice that Jesus came to where Lazarus was. Jesus did not ask for the body of Lazarus to be brought to Him. Jesus came to where Lazarus was. He came because he was invited. Jesus will come right to where we are if we invite Him. However, He will come in His own timing.
- E. Jesus came to where Lazarus was and He raised Him up. Lazarus got a new start on life. This new life was Christ caused and Christ focused. Resurrection life changes you and your life!

#### III. Jesus wants to keep coming where you are!- John 12:1

- A. Jesus later came back to Bethany again where Lazarus was.
- B. Jesus does not come to us to bring new life to us and then leave us to our own care. He wants to be invited each day to be where we are. Jesus again came to where Lazarus was. We do not have to attain to some lofty spiritual plateau to be with Jesus. If we will invite Him, He will come to wherever we are. His very presence will cause us to be raised up in our life to where He wants us to be.

C. Lazarus was with Him at the table. This is where He wants to be with us after He has given us new life. He wants to commune with us at the table of God. This is the Word of God. This is prayer. This is communion with God.

#### IV. Inviting Jesus to come

A. We do not have to wait till something dies in our life to invite Jesus to come to us. If we are willing to release our handling of the situation and the area, and allow Jesus to take over then He will come where we are. No matter how bad our lives are or how bad it stinks, Jesus will come if you are willing to have Him have His way over that area. You don't have to wait for it to die!

B. Jesus will only come where He is invited.

1. The Lord is omnipresent, but His manifested presence only comes when He is invited and His is allowed to be Lord.

C. Wherever the presence of the Lord is there will be life, light, and freedom. The Lord just being in a place will change that place.

1. ~~2 Samuel 6:10-12~~- Obededom opened up His home for the Ark of God's presence to reside at His house and the Lord blessed His house and all that He had. The very presence of the Lord did this. I bet Obededom hated to see the ark leave. However, He could have asked for the Lord to stay in His house anyway by faith and the Lord would have!

D. You can invite Jesus to dwell anyplace you need Him. His very presence will bring healing, wholeness, and freedom.

E. We ultimately need Jesus to dwell in our heart. He dwells in our spirit, but we need him in the soulish part of our heart where we often have all our problems originate. Jesus will come and dwell in our heart if He is invited and if we have faith that He is doing it when we ask Him to.

1. Eph. 3:17- **“dwell in our hearts by faith...”**

F. Often times our outward problems are really internal problems in our heart. Many times we do not even know what our problem is in our own heart. We can invite Jesus to come and dwell at the very place where our problems are originating in our heart because He knows, and His very presence will bring light to us, it will bring healing to us, it will bring freedom to us!