



Misconceptions Part Two

In John 11, the story of Lazarus confronts the common misconception that our circumstances reveal God's heart, reminding us that delay, disappointment, and grief are not evidence of God's absence. Even in the pain, Jesus weeps with Mary and Martha, demonstrating that God is compassionate and present before He is powerful. Ultimately, Lazarus' resurrection -- and the cross that follows -- prove that God's heart is revealed in Christ, not in our circumstances.

Discussion Questions:

1. When have you been tempted to interpret your circumstances as evidence of God's heart for you?
2. Why do you think Jesus wept before performing the miracle? What might this teach us about how God responds to our pain?
3. What might it look like for you to hold onto hope in Christ even if your circumstances don't change?