Text: John 11:17-37

Scripture reading: Romans 8:1-11

I. The plea for help - vv. 1-16 (previous study) **II. The promise of life** - vv. 17-37

A) Entering the realm of man's dread - vv. 17-22

B) Extending the hope of believers' destiny - vv. 23-27 (Eph. 5:6-10)

John 11:25-26,

Richard Phillips - "The Gospel of John is sometimes called the Gospel of Belief. And if there is one place above all where this Gospel most powerfully summons us to faith in Jesus Christ, it might be here. Can there be a greater reason to believe on Jesus than His claim to hold the key to the problem of death?" Leon Morris - "...one of the greatest declarations in this gospel."

1. The power of His person (Col. 1:17, 2:9)

2. The power of His promises

a) ______ resurrection power (Jn. 10:17-18; Rom. 10:9; Gal. 1:1; Rom. 8:11)

b) _____ resurrection power (II Cor. 5:6-8; Phil. 1:23; I Thess. 4:13-18; I Cor. 15:42-44)

c) _____ resurrection power (Eph. 2:4-6; Rom. 8:39; 8:1; I Jn. 4:10)

C) Empathizing with the grief of humanity's darkness-vv. 11-16

(Is. 53:3-4a; Ps. 6:8; 9:12)

William Barclay - "So deeply did Jesus enter into the wounded hearts and the sorrows of people that His heart was wrung with anguish."

Conclusion:

1) Jesus _____: Do you follow this?

2) Jesus _____: Do you believe this?

3) Jesus _____: Do you feel this?

"What is the food that makes our faith strong? The written Word of God. What is the foundation of our hope? The written Word of God. What is the cause of our obedience, and the directive of our actions? The written Word of God." -Donald Grey Barnhouse Where the Bible speaks, faith says, "Yes, Lord." -Richard Phillips