

Easter

AT LAKESHORE

“WHEN GRACE MEETS THE GRAVE”

Pastor Brad Howard - April 20, 2025

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WHEN FACING A DEATH:

• WE BEGIN TO DOUBT

Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” *John 11:16 NIV*

• WE BECOME OFFENDED

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. *John 11:20 NIV*

• WE BLAME OTHERS

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” *John 11:21 NIV*

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GRACE MEETS THE GRAVE

1. DEATH IS OVERCOME.

“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” *John 11:25-26 NIV*

I am the living One. I died, but look--I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave. *Revelation 1:18 NLT*

But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57 NLT*

2. YOU ARE EMPOWERED TO GO BEYOND OUR NATURAL ABILITY.

Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.” *John 11:43-44 NIV*

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3. YOU CAN BEGIN A NEW LIFE TODAY!

We are made right with God by putting our faith in Jesus Christ. That happens to all who believe . . . Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory. The free gift of God's grace makes all of us right with him. Christ Jesus paid the price to set us free.

Romans 3:22-24 NIV