

**“Comfort When Confronted With Death”**

John 11

*Perspective makes all the difference in helping us process  
the circumstances of life . . . and death.*

*There is comfort . . .*

I. In the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (1-6)

A. God’s purpose is \_\_\_\_\_ (4)

B. God’s purpose is \_\_\_\_\_ (5-6)

II. In the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (7-16)

III. In the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (17-37)

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (21, 32)

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (23-26)

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (27)

IV. In the \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_ (38-44)

To believe “this” is to believe what he says of himself and thus to believe “in him.” It is one thing to hear it, to reason and to argue about it; and quite another thing to believe, embrace, trust it. To believe is to receive, hold, and enjoy the reality and the power of it, with all that lies in it of joy, comfort, peace, and hope. The measure of our believing, while it is not the measure of our possessing, since the smallest faith has Jesus . . . is yet the measure of our enjoyment of it all.

- R.C.H Lenski

The very mourners who doubted [Jesus] were agents in the completion of the miracle. In their participation the mourners in fact became part of the sign and therefore were undeniable witness to the power of Jesus [over death].

- Gerald L. Borchert