

Jesus Is A Friend When We Are Dealing With Death

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

John 11

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"Death is swallowed up in victory." 1 Cor 15:54b

1. Death's doom - under normal circumstances death is:
 - a. **Unpredictable** - verse:1, 14
 - b. **Indiscriminate** - verses 2-3
 - c. **Unavoidable** - verse 21
 - d. **Irreversible** - verse 24, 39
 - e. **Universal** - Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment...
2. Death's devastation - there are natural emotions when death comes
 - a. Feelings of **frustration** - verses 5-7; 17-19
 - b. Desires for **isolation** - verse 20
 - c. Words of **accusation** - verses 21,32
3. Death's defeat - Heb 2:14: ¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. [on screen]
 - a. God **permits** events to touch our lives that we do not understand - verses 1-7
 - b. God **plans** circumstances for our lives that we would never plan ourselves verse 11-15
 - c. God's **purpose** for our situation may lie beyond what we can see. Verses 17-27
 - d. God **promises** to do for us what we could never possibly imagine. Verses 33-44. (Jer 33:3; Ephesians 3:20-21)
 - Death doesn't **have the last word**, Jesus does.