

**CHRISTMAS COMES TO BETHANY:** John 11:1-16

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Given the significance of this miracle, why might John be the only Gospel account recording its occurrence?
3. The passage reassures us of the love of Jesus for Mary, Martha, and Lazarus despite their trial (vs 5). Have you ever questioned the love Jesus has for you during a time of suffering? What helped to bring you through that time?
4. How would you respond to the accusation that a God who glorifies in suffering cannot be loving?
5. While it is possible for good things to come without hardship, what beneficial result comes uniquely through suffering? Read Romans 5:3-5 and James 1:2-4 as a starting point for your answer.
6. What specific hardship are you experiencing right now that you need to bring to God in prayer, as a surrender to His glory? What has made it difficult to do so thus far?
7. For a Christian what does faith look like during suffering? What does it not look like?
8. Thomas' call to follow Jesus back into Judea evidently carried with it great risk (vs 16). How should believers evaluate what level of risk is necessary or appropriate as we follow Jesus?
9. This first week of advent celebrates faith. What tradition do you have (or could you begin) that incorporates faith this Christmas season?



# Adeste Fideles

November 29, 2020  
Chris Martin  
John 11:1-16

Faith \_\_\_\_\_ (1-7)

Faith \_\_\_\_\_ (8-11)

Faith \_\_\_\_\_ (12-16)

# Announcements

## LIGHTING THE PATH

Join us on **December 5 starting at 5 pm** here at VBC for our 2nd annual outdoor family lighting-the-path event! There will be Christmas carols, a countdown to lighting the path, food, a warm fire, hot chocolate, and activities! Please remember to dress warm.

## WANTED: MUSIC COORDINATOR

The Music Coordinator works closely with the music and technology volunteers to plan and facilitate weekly music practices, Sunday worship services and special events. Other administrative tasks include attending staff meetings, creating schedules, editing musical scores, providing lyrics for projection, and more. Please contact Natalie Carroll (601-573-4858) or Doug Snook (509-822-8582) if you would like more information or are interested in applying.

## MEDICAL RESPONSE TEAM

Interested in serving with a medical response team at VBC? Contact Chad Dokken ([chaddockken1@gmail.com](mailto:chaddockken1@gmail.com)) for more information.

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Breakfast & Bible Study is starting again on **December 12 from 9-11 am**. Come join us for a festive breakfast and fellowship in the Word as we glimpse the journey of fear into faith. Space is limited. Valley Bible Church women ages high school and up are welcome to attend. If you are unable to sign up in person, please call Angela Martin (701-213-8217). **Sign-ups begin today.**

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Come celebrate Christmas at one of VBC's three Christmas Eve services this year starting at 4, 5:30, and 7 pm.

## NEW ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY

We now have an online church directory! Want to join in? Fill out the back of the connection card or contact Stephani Wood ([stephani@spokanevbc.org](mailto:stephani@spokanevbc.org)) with your email and she will send you an invite and instructions to the directory.



# Our Mission

As we proclaim biblical truth, we cultivate relationships that are intimate with Christ, active in the Church, & loving the community.

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## GIVING REPORT

General: November \$60,889 / YTD \$830,833  
Building Fund: Given \$1,101,973 / Loan Remaining Balance \$629,277