

CHRISTMAS COMES TO BETHANY: John 11:17-27

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. In what ways can Christians support one another, both practically and spiritually, when we experience loss?
3. How can we know when our grief is healthy and appropriate, unlike that of an unbeliever (1 Thess. 4:13)?
4. Is disappointment in God ever appropriate for a believer? Why or why not?
5. In verse 22, with her brother in a tomb for four days, Martha says that "even now" she knows that Jesus can ask anything of God, and it will come to pass. Have you ever reached out to God in a seemingly hopeless situation? What happened?
6. What is significant about the fact that our hope is in a person, Jesus (verses 24 and 25)?
7. How would it impact our faith if Jesus had not been our resurrection? See Paul's words on this in 1 Cor. 15:12-20.
8. What is required for us to experience Jesus as both our resurrection and our life?
9. This second week of advent celebrates hope. What tradition do you have (or could you begin) that incorporates hope this Christmas season?



O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

December 6, 2020
Ben Orchard
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Hope _____ when all _____ (17-19)

Hope struggles in the _____ of _____ (20-24)

Hope is _____ in the _____ (25-27)

Announcements

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. Contact Natalie Carroll (601-573-4858) or Doug Snook (509-922-8582) if you would like more information or are interested in applying.

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) with your email and she will send you an invite and instructions to the directory.

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. The RSVP will open on December 18 at 6 pm.

MEDICAL RESPONSE TEAM

Interested in serving with a medical response team at VBC? Contact Chad Dokken (chaddokken1@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 end today.**



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 \$69,833 / YTD \$839,777
Building Fund: Given \$1,102,173 / Loan Remaining Balance \$629,277