

**SERMON NOTES**  
August 29, 2010  
T. Don Guthrie, preaching

**"The Greatest"**  
John 11:1-53

"The greatest miracle of Jesus Christ" –Alfred Edersheim

- ◆ The Greatest Miracle (Lazarus)
  
- ◆ The Greatest Message (resurrection and life)
  
- ◆ The Greatest Enemy (death)  
v. 33 – deeply moved – "embrimaomai" - to snort with anger
  
- ◆ The Greatest Plan (salvation)
  - \* Cross/Resurrection
  - \* Ascension/Pentecost (Spirit-led church)
  - \* Return of the Lord
  - \* Resurrection of body
  - \* End of present age
  - \* 1000 year reign
  - \* Final judgment
  - \* Cosmic system dissolves
  - \* New Heaven, new Earth
  
- ◆ The Greatest Power (prayer)
  
- ◆ The Greatest Question (Do you believe this?)
  
- ◆ The Greatest Repentance (from self to God)

## Scriptures for today's sermon:

### John 11:21-27, 38-40, 43-44, 47, 53

<sup>21</sup>"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

<sup>24</sup>Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; <sup>26</sup>and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

<sup>27</sup>"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

<sup>38</sup>Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup>"Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

<sup>40</sup>Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

<sup>43</sup>When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>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."

<sup>47</sup>Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin.

<sup>53</sup>So from that day on they plotted to take his life.