

Lent

- 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter
- **Fast** – voluntarily abstain from eating:
 - Certain foods
 - Certain meals
 - On certain days
- **Prayer** – Tuesdays from 6.30-7.30am; drop-in
 - Pray for someone who needs Easter
 - Pray for breakthroughs in physical healing
- **Healing Service** – Wednesday, April 10th from 6.30-7.30pm

Recap

Seven signs in John

1. Changing water into wine at the wedding at Cana (2.1-11)
2. Healing the royal official's son (4.46-54)
3. Healing the paralyzed man at the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem (5.1-15)
4. Feeding the 5,000 (6.5-14)
5. Walking on water (6.16-21)
6. Healing the man born blind (9.1-7)
7. Raising Lazarus from the dead (11:1-44)

Last week- Jesus withdrew from Jerusalem b/c Jews there want to kill Him



When Lazarus dies

- Both go to Jesus, neither withdraws from Him
- Both express reality of their situation- if Jesus had been there...
- Both express continuing trust in Jesus
 - Mary- falls at His feet in posture of worship/devotion
 - Martha- still confident that Father will do whatever Jesus asks of Him
- Both receive comfort from Jesus
 - Jesus tells Martha truth; speaks to her head
 - Jesus weeps with Mary; empathizes with her heart

Dead in sin

Ephesians 2.1, 4-5: As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins... but because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

Take off your grave clothes



Ephesians 4.22-24: You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Grave clothes

- **Falsehoods/lies**
- **Stealing**
- **Unwholesome talk** – being of poor/bad quality and therefore having no value
- **Bitterness** – spite that harbors resentment and keeps a record of wrongs
- **Rage** – uncontrolled emotional outbursts
- **Anger** – less passionate/more permanent than rage; often w/view towards taking revenge
- **Brawling** – verbal, not physical; clamoring
- **Slander** – to speak against someone in order to harm/injure their reputation
- **Foolish (stupid) talk**
- **Malice** – wickedness/depravity; opposite of excellence
- **Sexual immorality** – blanket term for all sexual activity outside of marriage
- **Impurity** – state of moral uncleanness especially related to sexual sin
- **Greed** – strong desires to acquire more and more material possessions irrespective of need
- **Obscenity** – to act in defiance of social and moral standards; opposite of purity
- **Coarse joking** – jokes involving vulgar expressions and indecent content
- **Drunkenness** – habitually drinking too much