

November 13, 2016

Series: Grace

Sermon Title: *Unwrapped*

Key Scriptures:

John 11:44 (NIV)

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The Key:

Unwrapping to Full Life

Main Scriptures:

John 11:32-44 (NIV)

³²When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother *WOULD NOT HAVE DIED*.”

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was *DEEPLY MOVED* in spirit and *TROUBLED*. ³⁴“Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. ³⁵*JESUS WEPT*. ³⁶Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have *KEPT* this man *FROM DYING*?”

³⁸Jesus, once more *DEEPLY MOVED*, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹“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*.” ⁴⁰Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that *IF YOU BELIEVE*, you will *SEE THE GLORY* of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “*LAZARUS, COME OUT!*” ⁴⁴The 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.”

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DIE out - Let Go to let God

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COME out - Jesus invites

John 11:41-42 (NIV) ⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then *JESUS LOOKED UP* and said, “Father, *I THANK YOU* that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the *BENEFIT* of the *PEOPLE* standing here, that they *MAY BELIEVE* that you sent me.”

John 11:43-44a (NIV) ⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “*LAZARUS, COME OUT!*” ^{44a}The dead man *CAME OUT*

UNWRAPPED - Take off the Grave Clothes

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Challenge Questions:

What needs to die in your life?

Of what situations is God calling you out?

Who or what can help you get rid of your grave clothes?

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