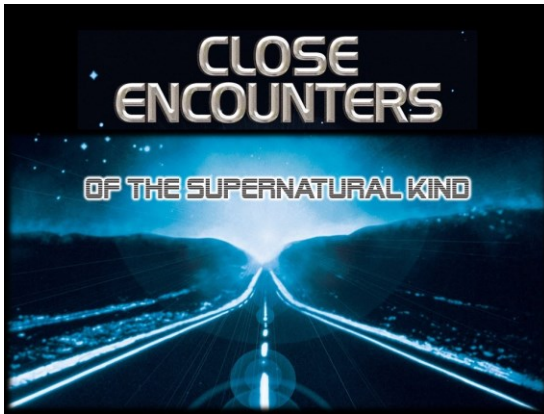


Close Encounters of the Supernatural Kind

Part 5: Raising Lazarus



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Raising Lazarus

An Eyewitness Account ...

When 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."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?"

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

Jesus wept.

Then the Jews said, "See how much He loved him!"

.... Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," He said

Jesus called out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 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 his grave clothes and let him go." (John 11:38-44)

***What is it in you
that feels dead or dying?***

Lazarus could tell us ...

1. God's _____ is different than ours.

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. Yet when He heard that Lazarus was sick, He stayed where He was for two more days. By the time Jesus arrived, Lazarus had been dead for four days. (John 11: 5-6 ,39)

Insight: God's delays are not God's denials.

2. God expects us to _____

"Roll away the stone!" (John 11:29-30)

Insight: God seldom does something for us that we can do for ourselves.

3. God _____

Jesus wept. (John 11:35)

Insight: You can move the hand that moves the world.

4. Death is never _____

"I am the resurrection and the life! He who believes in Me will live even if he dies." (John 11:25)

Insight: The story of your life does not end in a cemetery.