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Title: This Is Love – Love That Conquers Death

Passage: John 11: 1 – 45

Main Point: Only the love of God and the death and resurrection of His Son can conquer death.

Do you Believe that the _____ of God through _____ has the power to _____ death?

Humans have been trying to conquer and evade death for thousands of years. But they have failed!!

1. We tried to conquer death through _____.
2. We tried to conquer death though _____ thoughts, selfless acts of _____, and inflated _____.
3. We tried to conquer death through man made _____, mystical creatures, and unobtainable _____.
4. We tried to conquer death through compiling _____, power, and prestige that had no effects in the after life.
5. Only the _____ of God can conquer death and lead to _____ life.

Jesus, in dealing with death and dying sees a _____ moment to raise the bar on how we as humans see pain and suffering on Earth.

_____ moments are those _____ instances that we can't manufacture on our own that unless you slow down you will miss the _____ and see it as an _____.

The genius of Jesus revealed itself when Jesus said, "The sickness will not end in death, but it is for the _____ of God so that the Son of God may be _____ through it."

Jesus knows what you are feeling right now and the thoughts and feelings that go through your head and the suffering you are experiencing.

He also knows the teachable moments and most importantly, he knows that even in the midst of the troubling times of your life, He will lead you to a place of victory in faith over hardships, troubles, difficulties, trials, temptations, and even DEATH itself.

Jesus looks at Mary and reveals the BIG TRUTH: " I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die."

The ONE motivating factor that drives this whole conversation between Jesus and all those who were present was _____.

Jesus is motivated by a _____ THAT ONLY CAN ORIGINATE WITH _____ HIMSELF.

Jesus is a _____ of God's Love for you and me.

Here are five of many teachable moments we can learn from the Bible about how God's love has conquered death:

1. Love defeats death ONCE and for ALL!
 - a. 2 Corinthian 15:54 – 57- 54 Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56 For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. 57 But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ
 - b. Jesus death and resurrection proves that love conquers death. Christ defeated death and rose again. Love rose again.

2. Love defeats death and the fear and anxiety that comes with it.
 - a. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.
 - b. Jesus's death and resurrection proves that this world is temporary so we can successfully overcome the troubles that come in it.

3. Love defeats death and the insecurity and worry that come with it.
 - a. 1 John 4:7–17 NLT 7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. 10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other
 - b. Jesus's death and resurrection proves that we don't have to REACT to the world's troubles like those with no hope do.

4. Love defeats death and the purposeless life that comes with it.
 - a. Romans 14:8 If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.
 - b. Jesus's death and resurrection proves that we don't have to live the lie that we are just born, live, and die with no purpose in life.

5. Love defeats death and the helplessness and hopelessness of no life after death
 - a. 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.
 - b. Jesus death and resurrection proves that we don't have to live a YOLO LIFE that leads to self-destructive and reckless behavior.

THIS IS LOVE – A love that forgives _____ and CONQUERS _____.