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**Date:** May 3, 2020

**Scripture:** John 11:1-44

**Series:** When Life Hurts **Title:** Sadness, Sovereignty, and Salvation

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The \_\_\_\_\_ of sadness

Sovereignty:

Salvation:

### Questions for Reflection and Discussion

John 11:1-44

1. When a crisis hits, do you tend to be the kind of person who weeps with those who weep, or the kind of person who wants to jump in and fix it? What kind of person is Jesus?
2. When you are hurting, what have others said or done that has been most helpful? Most hurtful?
3. With those answers in mind, when others are hurting, how should we comfort them? What shouldn't we say?
4. When you're hurting, what is more comforting: believing God knew about it in advance and has a plan to use it for your good, or believing God is just as caught off guard as you?
5. Why can it sometimes be difficult to believe that God both grieves over our pain, and at the same time, planned our pain?
6. In what ways have you seen "salvation" arise out of past pain? Is there anything from your past or present in which you are still waiting for salvation?
7. Is the promise of future redemption of all darkness and evil enough to give you peace in the middle of your present difficulties? Why or why not?