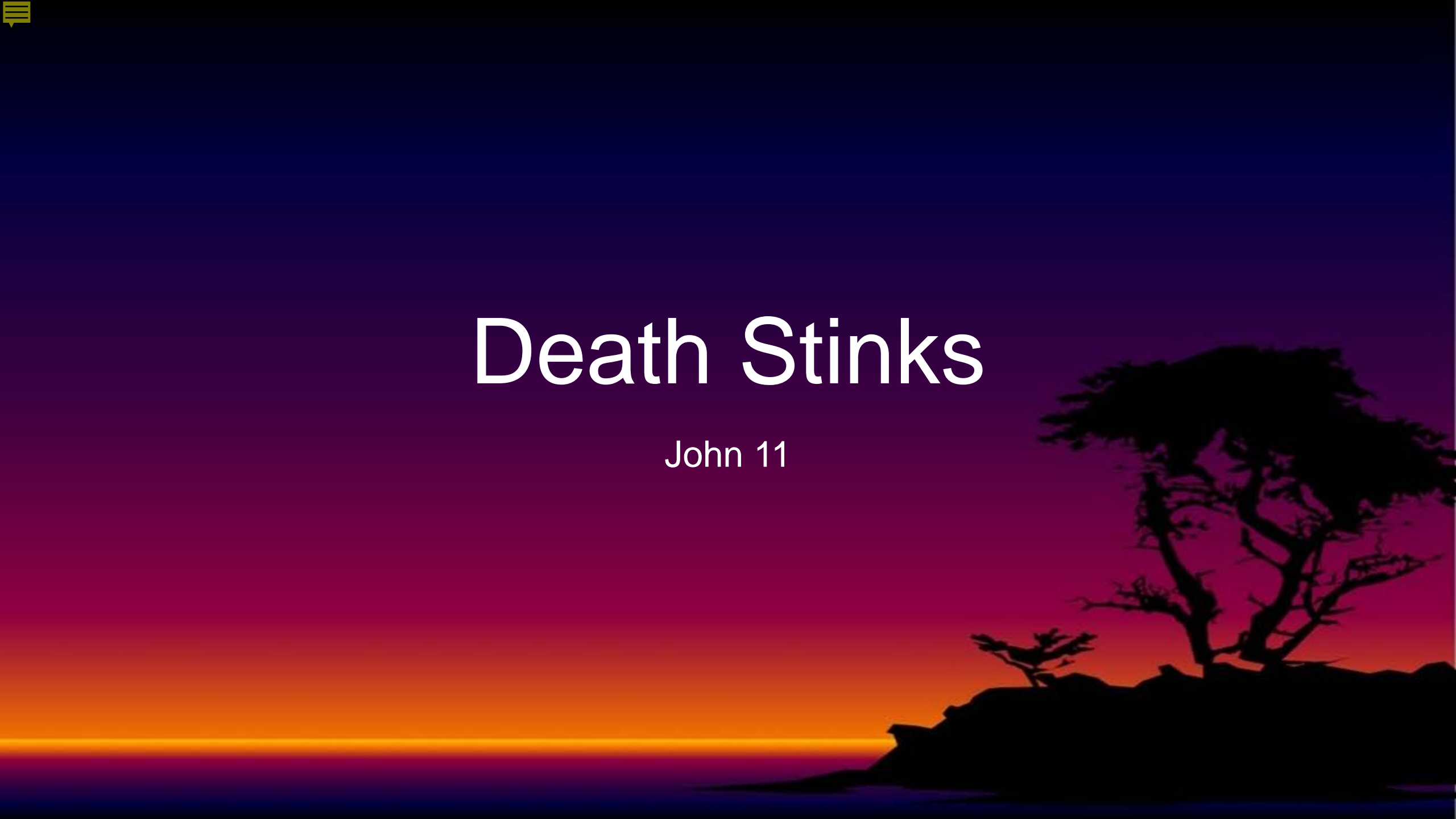




# Death Stinks

John 11



# Lazarus' Tomb



- Near Bethany, Israel



# Death of a Male Relative meant disaster for the family

- There were few career opportunities for widows. They could:
  - Live off of savings, if wealthy.
  - Find a new husband.
    - Levirate marriage.
  - Become a beggar.
  - Prostitution, if young enough





# Compassionate or Callous?



- Jesus has already restored the boy from Nain to life out of compassion for his mother.

# No crying he makes?



- Jesus wept for Jerusalem.
- Jesus wept for Lazarus.





“I AM the Resurrection . . .”



# Word reaches Jerusalem



- Prior to this, Jesus was “just a Rabbi in backwater Galilee.
- Jesus is now seen as a direct threat to the Sanhedrin and the High Priest.



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# Totals from the Washington State DOH

Total Cases: 4310

Total Deaths: 189



# What does this mean for us?



- Why is this happening to me?
- God didn't want this to happen.
- Our Sin introduced death into God's creation.
- Paul writes, *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord,"* (Romans 6:23).



# Jesus weeps with us



- Why?
  - So the Glory of God can be revealed.
- “*Surely I am coming soon,*” (Revelation 22:20)
- “Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen,” (Revelation 22:20-21).