



Raising the Dead | John 11:1-44

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John 11 holds a profound lesson in how we should view death. Through the eyes of Jesus, we see death as a terrible enemy for all of mankind, but as a defeated enemy for those who are trusting in Him.

1. The Disciples' Confusion (11:1-17)

The delay in going to Lazarus.

The death of Lazarus.

2. The Confidence of Martha (11:17-27)

Statement: I am the resurrection and the life.

Question: Do you believe this?

3. The Passion of Jesus (11:28-37)

Jesus "was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled."

Jesus wept.

4. The Resurrection of Lazarus (11:38-44)

Questions to Consider

1. How did Jesus' love for Martha, Mary, and Lazarus explain His delay in going back to Bethany? How is Jesus acting in love when He allows His people to walk through painful trials?
2. What did Jesus mean when He said, "I am the resurrection and the life"?
3. How might we describe the passion of Jesus, as seen in His being "deeply moved" and "troubled"?
4. What was Jesus teaching in His prayer to the Father in John 11:41-42? Does the regularity and content of your prayer life reflect a deep and humble dependence on God?
5. What hope do you glean from seeing what Jesus did in the raising of Lazarus, and how does this miracle fit in the overall purpose of John's Gospel?