

"I Am The Resurrection"
John 11:1-44
Sunday Morning Services March 27, 2016

John 11:25-26

In John's Gospel the word "**Believe**" is used **98X**, John 20:30-31.

Jesus performs **7 Signs**. The 1st and 7th signs involve families.

The "**1st Sign**" was the wedding at Cana of Galilee, the most Joyful moment of a couple's life.

The "**7th Sign**" was with a family in the darkest moment of life – a funeral. Jesus was there at each moment of need.

The Bible records no less than 10 accounts of people being raised from the dead in both the OT & NT.

The Thought Of Our Passage: Jesus Has Power And Authority To Give Life Because He Is The Resurrection And The Life.

John 11:1

"was sick, Lazarus" – that he was sick is mentioned 5X (1,2,3,4,6); the word "sick" – speaks of "weakness, helplessness, sinking".

"of Bethany," – Eastern slope of the Mount of Olives, on the high road to Jericho.

John 11:2-3

"he whom You love is sick." – It is recorded 3X that Jesus loved Lazarus.

Jesus was in Perea, John 10:40, which was about 25 miles from Jerusalem.

John 11:4

"This sickness is not unto death," – He intended to raise Lazarus from the dead.

"but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified by it." –
John 11:45

John 11:5-6

It was going to be through his death, that spiritual life would result in others.
John 11:45

God's Delays Are Not Denials!

John 11:7 – Judea where enemies that wanted to kill Him, John 10:31, 39.

John 11:8 John 10:31

John 11:9-11

“Our friend Lazarus” – Notice that death did not change the relationship.

“I may awaken him out of sleep.” – Jesus refers to death as sleep.

Cemetery – “Resting Place”, Philippians 3:20-21.

John 11:12-17

“been in the tomb four days.” – A day's journey each way.

Day 1 – Messenger comes and Lazarus dies.

Day 2 – Messenger arrives back to Bethany.

Day 3 – Jesus waits a day.

Day 4 – Jesus arrives in Bethany.

John 11:18 – “Jerusalem, about two miles off;” John 10:39.

John 11:19

“Console” – “to speak tenderly”

God timed it this way so that all human hope was gone. There was nothing humanly speaking that could be done.

John 11:20

Luke 10:38-42

John 11:21-24

Job 19:25-27

John 11:25 – “I am the resurrection and the life;” – This is the 5th “I Am” Statement of Jesus. I am over death itself. (Declaring Himself To Be God)

1. “I Am the Bread of Life”, John 6:35.
2. “I Am the Light of the world”, John 8:12.
3. “I Am the Gate for the sheep”, John 10:7, 9.

4. "I Am the Good Shepherd", John 10:11, 14.
5. "I Am the Resurrection and the Life", John 11:25.

"I am the resurrection and the life;" – Raise The Dead, The Giver Of Life.

John 11:26

"everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die." – The rapture of the church, 1 Thessalonians 4:13.

"Do you believe this?" – We must answer this.

John 11:27

"I have believed" – She used an emphatic pronoun: "I, even I, have believed."

"You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world." – This is one of the most complete affirmations of who Jesus is. Matthew 16:16 – "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

John 11:28-33

"weeping," – Literally "wail"

"He was deeply moved in spirit," – Literally "to be deeply agitated". The idea of "a horse snorting from fear or anger."

"and was troubled," – "He shook with emotion"; It was grief.

John 11:34-35

"Jesus wept." – Literally "to shed tears, to weep silently."

Why Did Jesus Weep?

John 11:36-37

This is the age old question – how could a good God that can do anything that He pleased not heal and keep this man alive?

John 11:38

"a stone was lying against it." – It was a millstone that rolled in a groove.

John 11:39

"Lord, by this time there will be a stench," – KJV v. 39 – "Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days."

John 11:40

"Did I not say to you, if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" – John 11:25

John 11:41-43

Harry Ironside said, "That Jesus had to say Lazarus or every tomb in the world would have the dead coming forth!"

John 11:44

Lazarus' New Life Brought A Division: John 11:45 – Many therefore of the Jews, believed in Him.

John 11:53 they planned together to kill Him.

Application:

1. On Easter, There Is No Neutrality When It Comes To Jesus. We Have The Option To Believe What Jesus Declared, Or We Can Reject What Jesus Declared. If We Choose To Reject Jesus' Declaration, Be Honest And Admit That Jesus Declared Himself To Be God.
2. Jesus Has Power And Authority To Give Life, Both Physical And Spiritual. Do We Believe What Jesus Said? "I Am The Resurrection And The Life, He Who Believes In Me Will Live Even If He Dies."
3. Spiritual Life Surpasses Physical Life. Some Time Later, Lazarus Faced Death Again. But This Time He Remained In Heaven, Because Lazarus Had Spiritual Life.