

Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"The Resurrection and The Life"
John 11:17-36
Part-40

Ecclesiastes 8:8

2017 Real-Time Death Statistics in America – Romans 3:22
www.romans322.com/daily-death-rate-statistics.php

John 11:1-16 – The Sickness That Led To Death.

John 11:17-36 – The Savior Arrives.

John 11:37-57 – The Raising Of The Dead & The Response.

Thought Of Our Passage: The Impossible Situation; How Do I React When Faced With A Seemingly Impossible Situation?

1. Verses 17-19 – Jesus' Arrival:

2. Verses 20-27 – Jesus' Declaration:

3. Verses 28-36 – Jesus' Compassion:

1. Verses 17-19 – Jesus' Arrival:

John 11:17 – "So when Jesus came," – Jesus is informed by a messenger that His dear friend Lazarus is sick. Term "sick" is stated 5X (1,2,3,4,6); 3X in this account it says that Jesus loved him, that Lazarus was Jesus' friend, John 11:6.

John 11:4

Jesus was clear that Lazarus was dead, John 11:14-15.

"So when Jesus came," – Jesus was in the area of Perea which was about 25 miles from Jerusalem, John 10:40.

"four days" is significant.

John 11:18 – "Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off;" – John mentions Jerusalem (Benefit Gentile readers), John 10:39.

John 11:19 – "many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary," – speaks of popularity, and speaks of affluence.

"to console" – "to speak tenderly."

"concerning their brother." – They would mourn for a total of 30 days. No work for 3 days; deep mourning or lamenting lasted the rest of the week. Extremely religious would not wash, shave, or wear clean clothes during the mourning.

His body had already started to decompose, John 11:39.

2. Verses 20-27 – Jesus' Declaration:

John 11:20

"(Martha) went to meet Him, but Mary stayed at the house." – Martha and her sister Mary were really different.

Luke 10:38-42; John 12:2

John 11:21 – Martha was more Vocal, Mary more Tearful.

David, the Psalmist, sorrowed and was disillusioned and expressed it to God and it was even canonized in Scripture. God did not rebuke him, Psalm 13:1-2.

John 11:22 – "Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." – Martha's convictions hold in spite of the dark circumstances, Psalm 73:24-26.

John 11:23 – "rise again." – "will stand up, get up again"; be raised from the dead!

John 11:24; Job 19:25-27

John 11:25 – "I am the resurrection and the life;" – This is the 5th of the "I Am" Statements of Jesus. This is Jesus declaring Himself to be "The Self Existent One of The OT," The eternal One who was revealed to Moses in Exodus 3:14.

These two terms are essentially one – "I AM the Life" and because I am the Life "I Am the Resurrection!"

He does not say, I raise the dead, I perform the resurrection, but "I am the resurrection." In His own person, representing humanity, He exhibits man as immortal, but immortal only through union with Him, 2 Timothy 1:10.

Resurrection – "to live again, to come to life again." Jesus alone could and would raise Himself! Revelation 1:17-18

"and the life;" – John 1:4 – "In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men."

"he who believes in Me" – "to have faith in His person, to entrust one's spiritual well-being to Christ, commit to, put in trust with."

"will live even if he dies," – John 10:28

John 11:26 – "and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die." – Prerequisite to eternal life is faith.

"Do you believe this?" – We must answer this question. This was addressed to Martha but it is also a question that is addressed to us this morning!

John 11:27

"Yes, Lord;" – Martha: "you are the Lord!" "I have believed" – She used an emphatic pronoun: "I, even I, have believed."

"that You are the Christ," – Jesus is The Messiah, the Anointed One!;
"the Son of God," – Deity, literally the God-Man!

"even He who comes into the world." – Luke 7:19-20

3. Verses 28-36 – Jesus' Compassion:

John 11:28

"saying secretly, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.'" – These words were spoken quietly so that Mary could meet alone with Jesus.

John 11:29-31

"they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there." – There is this thinking in consoling, that persons should never be alone; one can't grieve alone.

John 11:32 – "and fell at His feet," – This is where we find Mary, at Jesus' feet, Luke 10:39; John 12:3.

"saying to Him, 'Lord'" – what comfort this word brings, knowing Jesus is Lord!

"if" – what a confusing word! Be careful of the "What If's"; no answer to them!

"You had been here, my brother would not have died." – no doubt saying this to each other, John 11:21.

John 11:33

"saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping," – literally "to sob, to wail aloud."

"He was deeply moved in spirit," – literally "to be deeply agitated."

"and was troubled," – "He shook with emotion"; It was grief. That means that Jesus felt their sorrow, Isaiah 53:3.

John 11:34

"Where have you laid him?" – Here is the Lord of Omniscience wanting to know where? "Lord, come and see." – Jesus wanted the crowd to join Him at the tomb!

John 11:35 – "Jesus wept." – literally "shed tears, silent weeping, tears ran down His face." This is the shortest verse in the Bible, Romans 12:15.

Why did Jesus weep?

1. Jesus identified with the sorrow of mankind. Jesus was hurting alongside of the family! Hebrews 4:15
2. Jesus wept over what sin has done to mankind.
3. Jesus wept because He saw what man could not see.

John 11:36

Application:

1. "I Am The Resurrection" – A Word To Those That Die – Jesus Is The Cancellation Of Death. "I Am The Life" – Jesus Is The Opposite Of Death.
2. Life Will Throw Us Impossible Situations. How We React When Faced With An Impossible Situation Will Determine If Our Convictions In God Are Real: John 11:27.
3. John 11:35 – "Jesus wept" Is The Shortest Verse In The Bible. Jesus Wept Identifying With The Sorrow Of Mankind. Jesus Wept Over What Sin Has Done To Mankind. Jesus Wept Because He Saw What Man Could Not See.