

John 11 – Raising Lazarus from the Dead

1. Now **a certain man was sick—Lazarus** from Bethany, the village where Mary and her sister Martha lived.
 2. (Now it was Mary who anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and wiped his feet dry with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)
 3. So **the sisters** sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, look, **the one you love** is sick." **The Delay**
 4. When Jesus heard this, he said, "**This sickness will not lead to death**, but for **the glory of God**, so that the **Son of God may be glorified** as a result of it." **1**
 5. Now **Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.**
 6. So when he heard that **he was sick**, he remained in the place where he was for **two more days.**
 7. Then after this, he said to his disciples, "**Let us go to Judea** again."
 8. The disciples replied, "Rabbi, the Jewish leaders were just now trying to stone you to death! **Are you going there** again?"
 9. *Jesus replied, "Are there not twelve hours in a day?"* **Disciples**
Whoever walks in the daytime does not stumble, because they see the light of this world.
 10. *But whoever walks at night stumbles, because the light is not in them."* These things he said.
 11. After this he told them, "Our friend **Lazarus has fallen asleep**. But **I am going there** to awaken him." **2**
 12. Then the disciples replied, "Lord, if he has **fallen asleep**, he will recover."
 13. Now Jesus had been talking **about his death**, but they thought he had been talking **about the rest of sleep.**
 14. Then Jesus told them plainly, "**Lazarus has died**,
 15. and **I am glad for your sake** that I was not there, so that you may believe. But **let us go to him.**"
 16. So Thomas (called Didymus) said to his fellow disciples, "**Let us go too**, so that we may die with him."
 17. When Jesus **arrived**,
- he found that Lazarus had been in the tomb four days already.**

18. (Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹so many of the Jewish people of the region had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.)

20. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary was sitting in the house.
21. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." **Martha**
22. **But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will grant you."**
23. Jesus replied, "Your brother will come back to life again." **3**
24. Martha said, "**I know that he will come back to life again in the resurrection at the last day.**"
25. Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
26. and the one who lives and believes in me will never die. **Do you believe this?"**
27. She replied, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the **Son of God** who comes into the world."

28. And when she had said this, Martha went and called her sister Mary, saying privately, "The Teacher is here and is asking for you." **Mary**
29. So when Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰(Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still in the place where Martha had come out to meet him.) ³¹Then the people who were with Mary in the house consoling her saw her get up quickly and go out. They followed her, because they thought she was going to the tomb to weep there.
32. Now when Mary came to the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." **4**

33. When Jesus saw her weeping, and the people who had come with her weeping, **he was intensely moved in spirit** and **greatly distressed**. Emotion
34. He asked, "**Where have you laid him?**"
They said, "Lord, come and see."
35. **Jesus broke into tears**. 5
36. Thus the people who had come to mourn said, "**Look how much he loved him!**"
37. But some of them said, "This is the man who caused the blind man to see! Couldn't he have done something to keep Lazarus from dying?"
38. Jesus, **intensely moved in himself** again, **came to the tomb**.

Now it was a cave, and a stone was placed across it. ³⁹**Jesus said, "Lift up the stone."** Lazarus

The sister of the deceased, Martha, replied,
"Lord, by this time the body will have a bad smell, because he has been buried four days."

40. Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that if you believe, you would see **the glory of God?**"
41. **So they lifted up the stone.**
Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "**Father**, I thank **you** that **you** have listened to me. ⁴²I knew that **you** always listen to me, but I said this for the sake of the crowd standing around here, that they may believe that you sent me."
43. When he had said this, **he shouted in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"**
44. **The one who had died came out,**
his feet and hands tied up with strips of cloth, and a cloth wrapped around his face.
Jesus said to them, "Unwrap him and let him go." 6

45. Then many of the people, who had come with Mary and had seen the things Jesus did, **believed in him**.
46. But some of them **went to the Pharisees and reported to them what Jesus had done**.
47. So the chief priests and the Pharisees called the council together and said, "What are we doing? For this person is performing many miraculous signs. ⁴⁸If we allow him to go on in this way, **everyone will believe in him**, and the Romans will come and take away our temple and **our nation**."
49. Then one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said, "You know nothing at all! ⁵⁰You do not realize that it is more to your advantage to have one man die for the people than for **the whole nation** to perish."
51. Now he did not say this on his own, but because he was high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for **the Jewish nation**, ⁵²and not for the **Jewish nation** only, but to **gather together into one the children of God who are scattered**.
53. **So from that day they planned together to kill him.** False Shepherds
54. Therefore Jesus no longer went around publicly among the Judeans, but went away from there to the region near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and stayed there with his disciples. 7