

The Resurrection of Lazarus

John 11:1-44





Things to Note in the Reading

- The relationship Jesus had with the Father, and how others noticed it.
- The special relationship Jesus had with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus.
- The power Jesus exhibited, and how that power relates to our own resurrection.





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- The purpose of this great miracle, as stated by Jesus Himself.
- The tenderness of Jesus—how His heart was touched by the grief of others.
- The commitment Jesus had to walking in the "day," or in the "light," all the way to His final "hour" (even knowing what His final "hour" would involve).



- One day there will be an announcement, and this time it won't be "Lazarus is dead" (John 11:14).
 - It will be that one of us is dead.
- Likely, folks will be gathered around to comfort the family, like we just read.
- What do you suppose Jesus will be doing?



- Like Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, we want to be loved by Jesus (3, 5, 36).
 - Yes, there's a sense in which He loves all— John 3:16; Galatians 2:20.
 - But, there's a special love He has for special people—John 16:27; 15:9–10; 14:21, 23.



- Like Lazarus, we want to be His friend (11).
 - "You are my friends if..." (John 15:14).
 - ""Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the _____ of God" (Jam. 2:23).
 - Not just friends, but family: "Whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother" (Mt. 12:50).

Applications

- Like Jesus, we want to walk in the day, or in the light (vv. 9−10).
 - The only path where there is no cause for stumbling, or for fear—a path that allows us to walk with great assurance and peace.



- For those "loved" by Jesus, His "friends," those who walk in the light—this is what will happen in the "last day" (v. 24).
 - He will wake us up (v. 11), He will raise us up at the last day (John 6:40, 44, 54).
 - John 11:25−26; 5:28−29.
 - And as in the case with Lazarus, it will be to His glory. 2 Thessalonians 1:9-12.