

Christ, the Son of God
Studies in the Gospel of John

The Resurrection and the Life
Lesson 11
John 11

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Purpose Statement

Therefore many other signs
Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples,
which are not written in this book;
but these have been written so that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God;
and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 20:30-31 (NASB)

The Prologue (1:1-18)

- ▶ Jesus is truly God – eternal existence and equality of essence
- ▶ Jesus is Life
- ▶ Jesus is the only revelation of God – glory; full of grace and truth
- ▶ The world is in darkness
- ▶ John the Baptist was sent by God to testify about Jesus
- ▶ The reception of Jesus Christ was mixed
- ▶ The Law through Moses v. grace and truth through Jesus Christ
- ▶ Jesus came that we might believe He is from God

Outline of the Gospel of John

- ▶ Public ministry (1:19-12:50)
 - The presentation of Jesus (revelation of God) – Person and Work
 - Signs (7)
 - Discourses – featuring 5 “I AM” statements (Bread, Light, Door, Good Shepherd, Resurrection and Life)
 - Faith and Opposition
- ▶ Private ministry – Upper Room Discourse and Prayer (13-17)

Resurrection and Life – John 11

- ▶ Preparation (11:1-37)
 - Jesus with His disciples – a sickness not unto death (11:1-16)
 - Jesus with Martha – “I AM the resurrection and the life” (11:17-27)
 - Jesus with Mary and the Jews – the reality of death (11:28-37)
- ▶ Resurrection of Lazarus (11:38-44)
- ▶ Response (11:45-57)
 - The Passover plot (11:45-53)
 - Withdrawal of Jesus (11:54)
 - The Passover confusion (11:55-57)

Jesus with His Disciples (11:1-16)

▶ The 7th sign

- Changing water to wine (2:1-11)
- Healing the nobleman's son (4:46-54)
- Healing at the pool of Bethesda (5:1-18)
- Feeding 5,000 (6:5-14)
- Walking on water (6:16-21)
- Healing the blind man (9) key lesson: Light

▶ Resurrection of Lazarus (11) – victory over death

- The “last enemy” brought into subjection (1 Cor 15:25-28; Rev 20:14)
- Jesus has the “keys of death and Hades” (Rev 1:17-18)
- Jesus' resurrection is the declaration of His deity (Romans 1:4)

Jesus with His Disciples (11:1-16)

- ▶ A sickness, not unto death
- ▶ The glory of Father and Son (Exodus 33:18-34:9; John 1:14)
- ▶ Glory (x38) – John 12 (x8), John 13-16 (x8), John 17 (x8)
- ▶ His Person and Work
- ▶ A delay by design: to display the glory of God
- ▶ “Hence, what may have looked like cruel delay was in reality the tenderest concern for the spiritual welfare of true disciples.” (Hendriksen)

Jesus with His Disciples (11:1-16)

- ▶ A lesson on Light – a key message in John
- ▶ Jesus is the “Light of men” (1:3)
- ▶ An escape beyond the Jordan (10:39-42)
- ▶ Disciples feared for Jesus
- ▶ An observation: walk in the light of day and do not stumble
- ▶ Ephesians 5:1-2, 6-10, 17 – “Walk as children of Light . . .”
- ▶ Pleasing the Father v. perceived consequences
- ▶ Jesus on a mission to awaken Lazarus from sleep
- ▶ “Lazarus is dead . . . and I am glad . . . so you may believe” (11:15)

Jesus with Martha (11:17-27)

- ▶ Lazarus dead for 4 days
- ▶ Martha's faith
- ▶ "I am the resurrection and the life . . ." (11:25)
 - Believe in Jesus and live, even if you die
 - Believe in Jesus and never die
- ▶ Martha's confession: the Christ, the Son of God
- ▶ ". . . by growing, faith comes into being. At each new stage which it reaches, the preceding stage seems to it in itself nothing more than unbelief." (Godet)

Jesus with Mary and the Jews (11:28-37)

- ▶ Mary's faith
- ▶ Sorrow of Mary and the Jews (11:31-33)
- ▶ "Jesus wept" (11:35)
 - Jesus was "deeply moved in spirit and was troubled" (11:33, 38)
 - Heb 4:15-16 - our Great High Priest sympathizes with our weaknesses
 - Our weaknesses hinder our faith
- ▶ Not a rebuke for grieving (1 Thess 4:13)
- ▶ Lazarus is dead

The Resurrection of Lazarus (11:38-44)

- ▶ A final proof of his death – the stench of decay
- ▶ “You will see the glory of God.”
- ▶ Jesus prayed (1st of 2 public prayers: 12:27–28; 17:1–26)
 - Unity of Father and Son
 - The Father’s purpose: “. . . that they may believe that you sent Me.”
- ▶ “Lazarus come forth.”
- ▶ Lazarus who died came forth . . .

The Response (11:45-57)

- ▶ Many believed in Him
- ▶ The chief priests and Pharisees feared for their status
- ▶ The prophecy of Caiaphas – “One man die for the people”
- ▶ John’s comment – a universal salvation
- ▶ The conspiracy to kill
- ▶ Jesus withdrew to await “the hour” (12:27)
- ▶ Uncertainty in Jerusalem

The Resurrection and the Life

- ▶ The climactic miracle
- ▶ The final unmasking of unbelief
- ▶ The just shall live by faith