

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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