



Sermon Title: "Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life" (Part2)

Scripture: John 11:17-44

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Introduction

John 11:4 -

Note: Jesus is going to encounter multiple individuals who think that they know better than Him.

Matthew 6:9-10 -

John 11:17-44 -

I. Beholding Christ, the Resurrection and the Life

A. Two Important Introductory Points...

1) By the time this conversation takes place, Lazarus has been in the tomb for four days.

Mark 5:21-43; Luke 7:11-17 -

2) Many people have come to mourn the loss of Lazarus and to comfort Mary and Martha.

John 11:19, 45-46 -

B. Jesus speaks vital, serious, significant, necessary, paramount TRUTH.

John 11:21-23 -

Note: The reality of resurrection is a foundational truth that should always inform our thinking.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; John 11:24; Job 19:25-27; Daniel 12:2; John 11:25-26 -

Note: Jesus elevates Himself as the Redeemer, the Restorer, the One with resurrection power.

John 11:27 -

C. Jesus demonstrates deep, profound, genuine, heartfelt COMPASSION.

Compassion: *John 11:15, 26, 32-33* -

Note: Death is a consequence, a result, of sin.

Romans 6:23; 5:12; Matthew 23:37 -

John 11:34-35, 38 -

Note: Other than the Garden of Gethsemane, there is no other time when Jesus is so moved, troubled, and grieved.

D. Jesus exercises divine, glorious, unstoppable, life-giving POWER.

John 11:39-44 -

John 5:25-29; Ephesians 2:1-2a, 4-5 -

1 Corinthians 15:51-58 - **“Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory.’ ‘O death, where is your victory?’ ‘O death, where is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”**

Take Home Questions for Further Study & Reflection & Application...

1. How should we handle our disappointment when things do not turn out as we wanted? Why is it so important to pray, as Jesus taught in Matthew 6:10, for God’s will to be done?
2. Why is it significant that Lazarus had been dead for four days before Jesus arrived?
3. How should the coming resurrection be both a comforting and challenging truth?
4. How/Where do we see the compassion of Jesus in these verses? How can we learn from Jesus’ example and how can we, in a helpful and godly way, show similar compassion to others?
5. How does John 11 help us to better understand Hebrews 4:14-16?
6. How is the resurrection of Lazarus a picture of salvation?