

Title: Raised To Life: Miracle Working God Part 1

Scripture: John 11:1-16

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**Bible Version: NKJV** 

**BOTTOM LINE:** We need to trust God's way and God's timing.

## **Vs. 1**

**Now a certain man was sick-** This is the seventh sign we see in the book of John. It is unique as a man is going to be raised from the dead.

Lazarus- "whom God helps"

#### Vs. 2-3

**He whom You love is sick-** Notice that Jesus was connected with this family. He had a close relationship with them.

# Our love for the Lord vs. His love for us

- 1. Our love is conditional/His is not.
- 2. Our love comes and goes at time/His does not.

Jesus does not love you because He has to; He loves you because He choose to.

### Vs. 4

This sickness is not unto death- Lazarus would not experience the departure of his soul.

**But for the glory of God-** This seventh sign (like the others) recorded in John would be for the Glory of God.

That the Son of God may be glorified- Even difficult times and circumstances can bring Glory to God; in this case through Jesus.

The testing of their faith was not a denial of His love for them.-Guzik

## **Vs.** 5

Loved- Agape

## **Vs.** 6

**He heard...He stayed two more days-** Jesus hears this news and does the opposite of what most of us would do.

#### Vs. 7-8

**Let us go to Judea again-**He wanted to go back to the place where the Jews wanted to stone Him and seize Him.

#### Vs. 9-10

Are there not twelve hours in a day?- Jesus is basically saying let's get to work! If there is sunlight then work!

## Vs. 11

Lazarus sleeps- This is another way to say that he was dead.

I may wake him- Jesus would perform an incredible miracle. He would raise Lazarus.

#### Vs. 12

If he sleeps he will get well- the disciples were missing the point. Lazarus was not asleep, he was deceased.

#### Vs. 13

**Jesus spoke of his death-** Jesus had no issue talking about life and death.

#### Vs. 14

Lazarus is dead- Jesus has been in a habit of speaking plainly. Here it is clear that Lazarus was dead.

#### Vs. 15

**And I am glad-** Jesus found joy in this situation. He could be joyful in the death because He knew the outcome. How could this be? God would ultimately get the glory.

**That you may believe-** Jesus did all things that you and I would believe. It's the theme of John.

We can be glad in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

# Vs. 16

**Twin-** It was widely known the believed that Thomas resembled Jesus. **Let us also go-** Thomas is best known as 'Doubting Thomas'. Here we see he is the first to say let's go.

The next few weeks is an incredible picture of hope. There is hope for you.

# Jesus can resurrect your...

- 1. Marriage
- 2. Finances
- 3. Relationship with others
- 4. Life-Eternal life.

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Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on <u>blueletterbible.com</u> or with their app.



## DISCUSS.

- 1. How do you think Mary and Maratha felt when it appeared that Jesus did not have a sense of urgency related to Lazarus?
- 2. It's easy to tell others to simply wait on the Lord and to allow His timing to unfold. How easy is it for us to do that? What are some the difficulties associated with waiting for the Lords timing?

DO.



- 1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
- 2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
- 3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
- 4. What is your prayer for today?

