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JESUS RAISES LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD AND PEOPLE RESPOND

(John 11:38-57)

I. AN INTRODUCTION TO JOHN'S GOSPEL
II. THE PROLOGUE: INTRODUCING JESUS CHRIST (1:1-18)
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A. Jesus Predicts Lazarus' Death (11:1-16)

B. Jesus Reveals Himself as the Resurrection and the Life (11:17-26)

C. Jesus Comforts Martha and Mary (11:27-37)

D. Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead (11:38-44)

1. In v. 38 we are once again told that Jesus _____ within Himself (just like in v. 33); meaning He was emotionally _____, _____ as He came to the tomb of Lazarus. (v. 38)

2. Martha protested and reminded the Creator that her brother would have a stench by this time, but Christ firmly reminded her that if she had _____, she would _____ the glory of God with her own eyes. (vv. 39-40, cf. 11:4)

3. With the stone rolled away, the anticipation must have been intense; Jesus' prayer to His Father was not a request, but one of _____, so as to be _____ by the _____. (vv. 41-42)

4. Jesus' command for Lazarus to come forth gave him _____ just as He had previously promised (5:25 & 28); Lazarus _____ the Lord's command and came out in graveclothes; Jesus told those nearby to _____ him. (vv. 43-44)

* What significant differences existed between Christ's resurrection and Lazarus' here?

E. Jesus' Miracle Stimulates Positive Responses and Negative Reactions (11:45-57)

1. John tells us that _____ of the mourners who witnessed this miracle _____ in Jesus; in this regard Christ had just resurrected the spiritually dead to new spiritual life in Him! (v. 45)

2. In raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus was also demonstrating the validity of His _____ _____ that He would _____ and _____ again. (Matt. 16:21; Mark 8:31; Luke 9:21-22)

3. Unfortunately, even the most spectacular miracle _____ convince some, they were only _____ more against Him, and they ran off to tell Christ's enemies (the Pharisees) what happened in Bethany. (v. 46)

4. This miracle caused the religious leaders to take more drastic measures against the Lord; it is clear that they had a united opposition towards Jesus. (v. 47)

   a. They were _____ that the Romans would take their _____ and _____. (v. 48)

   b. Caiaphas (the high priest) spoke _____ that it was necessary that one man should _____ on _____ of (or in place of) the people. (vv. 49-52)

5. Because the leaders of the nation had officially _____ their Messiah and King, and they were actively _____ His death (v. 53), so the Lord no longer had a public ministry. (v. 54)

6. The Feast of Passover was drawing near and everybody was _____ if Jesus was going to come; meanwhile, the religious leaders were _____ seeking His _____. (vv. 55-57)

* What can you personally take away from this passage today?