

The Resurrection and the Life

JOHN 11:1-44

1 Introduction

- Jesus reveals the 5th “I Am” statement and the 7th miracle in John’s Gospel.
- Lazarus is sick, yet this account will display God’s glory.
- Believers are not exempt from suffering, sickness, or delay.

2 John 11:1-4 — Sickness and God’s Glory

- Lazarus of Bethany is sick, and his sisters send word to Jesus.
- Mary is identified as the one who worshiped Jesus with perfume and tears.
- Jesus reminds us that this trial will not end in death, but will glorify God.

Main truth: *God can use painful situations to reveal His glory.*

3 John 11:5-10 — Love and Delay

- Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, yet He stayed two more days.
- His delay was not lack of love; it was perfect timing.
- God’s delays often prepare us to trust Him more deeply.

Romans 5:8 — *God demonstrates His love toward us... Christ died for us.*

4 John 11:11-16 — Trusting What We Do Not Understand

- Jesus speaks of Lazarus as asleep, then plainly says, “Lazarus is dead.”
- Sleep is often used in Scripture as a picture of death.
- Jesus had a limited earthly ministry and walked according to the Father’s timing.
- Even when we do not understand God’s ways, we can still trust Him.

1 Kings 2:10 • 1 Kings 11:43 • Daniel 12:2

5 John 11:17-27 — Martha’s Faith

- Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.
- Martha believed Jesus could have prevented this tragedy.
- Jesus gives one of the greatest declarations in Scripture: *“I am the resurrection and the life.”*
- Martha confesses Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

John 1:1 — *In the beginning was the Word...*

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6 John 11:28–37 —

Mary, Worship, and Jesus Wept

- Mary comes to Jesus in grief and falls at His feet.
- Martha is the servant; Mary is the worshiper.
- Jesus is deeply moved by the sorrow and unbelief around Him.
- “Jesus wept” reveals His compassion in the face of death and brokenness.
- We are called to worship and trust Him even in grief.

7 John 11:38–44 — Believe and See the Glory of God

- Jesus tells them to remove the stone.
- Martha hesitates, but Jesus calls her to believe.
- Faith often believes first and then sees.
- Jesus calls Lazarus out of the tomb, demonstrating His authority over death.

Main truth: *Christ is the resurrection and the life.*

8 Key Lessons

- God’s delays are not God’s denials,
- Jesus is present in our sorrow and powerful in our need.
- Trust His timing, His compassion, and His power.
- Keep your eyes on Christ and not on human doubt.

9 Conclusion

- Wait on the Lord with courage and faith.
- Keep your mind stayed on Him and trust His peace.

Psalm 27:13–14 (NKJV)

*“I would have lost heart, unless
I had believed that I would see
the goodness of the LORD
In the land of the living.”*

Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV)

*“You will keep him in perfect peace,
Whose mind is stayed on You,
Because he trusts in You.”*

10 Fill in the Blank

1. Jesus said, “I am the _____ and the _____.”
2. God’s delays often prepare us to _____ Him more deeply.

11 Challenge Question

- When God’s timing feels difficult or delayed, how can you respond with deeper faith, worship, and trust in Christ this week?