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Sign #7 Lazarus Raised! John 11:17-44



"'Are You the Expected One, or shall we look for someone else?' Jesus answered and said to them, 'Go and report to John what you hear and see: the blind receive sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them." Matt 11:3-5



Resurrection hopes are promises based on evidences!



John 11:17 So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days.



18,19 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off; and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother.

20,21 Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary stayed at the house. Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.



Grief 17-21

- Hope Lost 'tomb four days'
- Joy Lost 'console'
- Trust Lost 'if You had been here'



"The sinner can no more raise himself from the deadness of sin than Lazarus, who had been dead four days, until Jesus came."

George Whitefield



11:22, 23 Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."



25,26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"



27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even [fn]He who comes into the world."



Grace 22-27

- Hope Planted 22
- Joy Planted 23
- Trust Planted 24-27



There is no real assent without application!



John 11:35 "Jesus wept." ἐδάκρυσεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς

1Thess 5:16 "Rejoice evermore." Πάντοτε χαίρετε



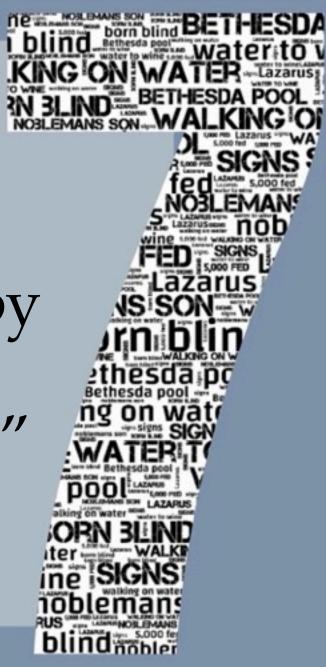
Great Love 35

- Shortest verse English NOT Greek
- 2 words for 'weeping'
 - lamenting and wailing loudly Jews
 - tears and weeping softly Jesus
 - "so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope." 1 Thess 4:18



11:38 So Jesus, again being deeply moved within, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

39 Jesus said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days."



40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

41 So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.



42 I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me."



43 When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth."

44 The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."



Grave 38-44

- Faith Planted 38-40
- Nothing Lost 41-44



"By our discontent under present crosses, we greatly undervalue our future hopes." Matthew Henry



Do we believe this?

- Focus of Life
- Fear of Death
- Faith in Christ!



"If someone believes it is our faith that heals us and forgets that it is God who does it, we should ask that person how much faith Lazarus had." Eric Metaxas



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