

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
The Power of God
John 11
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Believe in Jesus.

All of the books of the New Testament were written within a lifetime of the death of Jesus of Nazareth.

If you can accept the writings of Plato as valid based on the principles of History you can and should accept the Bible.

THE DEATH OF LAZARUS

But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

John 11:4 ESV

Yes he will die but he will not remain dead.

JESUS DELAYS HIS RETURN

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

John 11:5-6 ESV

Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, 15 and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. John 11:13-15 ESV

The purpose of miracles is so you will believe in Jesus.

LAZARUS IN THE TOMB

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. 20 So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." 23 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 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

John 11:17-27 ESV

You can die physically but remain alive spiritually.

JESUS WEEPS WITH MARY

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. 35 Jesus wept.

John 11:33, 35 ESV

Does it surprise you to learn that God feels emotion deeply?

LAZARUS IS RESURRECTED

When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." 44 The man who had died came out.

John 11:43-44a ESV

Jesus raised Lazarus from the grave after being dead four days.

No one contested that. No one. What would you do with that?

TWO RESPONSES

45 Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him...50 Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish."

John 11:45, 50 ESV

Everyone who saw this miracle believed He had raised Lazarus from the dead. Everyone.

Some believed in Him and some decided based on this miracle He should die.

Jesus said this to Martha:

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26 ESV