

Christians on Campus
John Bible Study
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John 11

¹Now there was a certain man who was sick, Lazarus from Bethany, of the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. ³The sisters therefore sent to Him saying, Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick. ⁴But when Jesus heard it, He said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, in order that the Son of God may be glorified through it.

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶When therefore He heard that he was sick, He remained at that time in the place where He was for two days. ⁷Then after this He said to the disciples, Let us go into Judea again. ⁸The disciples said to Him, Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and You are going there again? ⁹Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him. ¹¹He said these things, and after this He said to them, Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going that I may wake him out of sleep. ¹²The disciples then said to Him, Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover. ¹³But Jesus had spoken about his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴So Jesus then told them plainly, Lazarus has died. ¹⁵And I rejoice for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe; but let us go to him. ¹⁶Then Thomas, who is called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with Him.

¹⁷Then when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about fifteen stadia away. ¹⁹And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him; but Mary sat in the house. ²¹Then Martha said to Jesus, Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You. ²³Jesus said to her, Your brother will rise again. ²⁴Martha said to Him, I know that he will rise again in the resurrection in the last day. ²⁵Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live; ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes into Me shall by no means die forever. Do you believe this? ²⁷She said to Him, Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, He who comes into the world. ²⁸And when she had said this, she went away and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Teacher is here and is calling you. ²⁹And she, when she heard this, rose quickly and came to Him.

³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met Him. ³¹The Jews then who were with her in the house and were consoling her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Then Mary, when she came to where Jesus was, saw Him and fell at His feet, saying to Him, Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ³³Then Jesus, when He saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her weeping, was moved with indignation in His spirit and was troubled, ³⁴and He said, Where have you put him? They said to Him, Lord, come and see. ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶The Jews then said, Behold how He loved him! ³⁷But some of them said, Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind man also have caused that this man would not die? ³⁸Jesus therefore, moved with indignation again in Himself, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, Take away the stone. Martha, the sister of him who was deceased, said to Him, Lord, by now he smells, for it is the fourth day that he is there. ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?

⁴¹Then they took the stone away. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴²And I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the crowd standing around, I said it, that they may believe that You have sent Me. ⁴³And when He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, Lazarus, come out! ⁴⁴And he who had died came out, bound hand and foot with cloths, and his face was bound about with a handkerchief. Jesus said to them, Loose him and let him go.

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore who had come to Mary and beheld the things that He did believed into Him. ⁴⁶But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things that Jesus did. ⁴⁷Then the chief priests and the Pharisees assembled a council and said, What do we do? For this man is doing many signs. ⁴⁸If we let Him do so, all will believe into Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation. ⁴⁹But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, You know nothing at all, ⁵⁰nor do you take account of the fact that it is expedient for you that one man die for the people and that not the whole nation perish. ⁵¹But this he did not say from himself, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was to die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but that He might also gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³From that day therefore they took counsel to kill Him. ⁵⁴Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went away from there to the region near the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there He remained with the disciples. ⁵⁵Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover in order to purify themselves. ⁵⁶They then sought Jesus, and said to one another as they stood in the temple, What do you think? That He will not, by any means, come to the feast? ⁵⁷Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, he should disclose it, so that they might arrest Him.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why did Jesus delay visiting Lazarus and wait until he was dead?
2. What aspect of the divine life does this sign of resurrecting Lazarus from death show us?
3. Throughout this chapter, different people expressed their opinions to the Lord. Could you identify these people and their opinions? How did their opinions affected the Lord’s work of giving life to Lazarus?

Verses	Whose opinion	Effect of the opinion
11:8-16		
11:21-24		
11:32		
11:36-38		
11:39		

4. How would you apply the fellowship of this chapter in your Christian life to experience the Lord’s life-giving?