

John 11: I Am The Resurrection & Life.

- I. (1-16) Lazarus is sick, Jesus is informed, He delays, Lazarus dies.

“Lazarus is sick, [please come and heal him].” Jesus loved them, but He didn’t go at their request and expectation. But for the glory of God – Jesus was going to teach a very important lesson using Lazarus’ sickness.

The Jews sought to kill Jesus in Judea, but He courageously went anyway – it was still day, His time wasn’t up yet.

- II. (17) Jesus goes to Bethany, Lazarus is resuscitated.

Jesus arrives four days later (there was Jewish superstition that resuscitation was possible within three days, there’s also medical expectation of resuscitation within three days). Lazarus is dead, family and friends are there to mourn and comfort; Martha and Mary plainly state their disappointment with Jesus’ late arrival. In their mind it was bad enough that Lazarus was sick, its worse now that he’s dead.

This flesh, Satan and world often make us doubt God’s love, especially in suffering and when He doesn’t act the way we expect Him to. We don’t know why He often seems to delay yet we are so quick to think that He doesn’t care much?

***Job 2:10** - But he said to her, “You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.*

I Am The Bread Of Life (**John 6:35**), I Am The Light Of The World (**John 8:12**), I Am Door (**John 10:9**), I am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11)...

I am the resurrection and the life: Jesus allowed Lazarus to die so He could teach us that He has authority over death, that our faith in Him may be even stronger.

With this statement, Jesus overthrows death. For a long, long time, death has ruled over men like a tyrant. This is not the land of the living, but the land of the dying.

The believer will never die, but simply make an instant transition from an old life to a new life.

Jesus weeps in compassion and grief.

***Psalm 116:15** - Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.*

People probably thought that Jesus wanted one last look at Lazarus but Jesus prays and calls out Lazarus.

Jesus demonstrates that His delays are not denials. For every apparent delay, suffering and pain there's a lesson that we shouldn't miss. We should be content with what we know and not perturbed by what we don't know.

Job 1:21 - *And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD."*

Job 42:12 - *Now the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning;*

Romans 8:28 - *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

1Thessalonians 4:13-14- *But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.*

1 Corinthians 15:22 - *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.*

Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him. Lazarus didn't have to evangelize to draw people to the LORD. The LORD used His sickness and death to bring many to the faith.