

John 11:42 "I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

D. Jesus restored the life of Lazarus.

John 11:43 "When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

John 11:44 "The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

John 11:45 "Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him."

John 10:18 "No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from My Father."

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. Bring your sorrows and your needs to God in prayer!

1 Peter 5:7 "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."

B. Trust the Lord's timing and the way He provides.

Psalm 91:2 "I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

C. Put your hope in the Lord and not in this world.

1 Peter 1:3 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ^[4] and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you."

D. Look forward to the return of Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:20 "But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep."

1 Corinthians 15:13 "If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised."

1 Thessalonians 4:16 "For the LORD Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first."

1 Thessalonians 4:17 "After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so, we will be with the Lord forever."

"I AM the Resurrection and Life!"

John 11:1-57 | Lesson #6

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I. Lazarus and his family faced a crisis.

A. Lazarus was struggling with sickness.

John 11:1 "Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha."

John 11:2 "(This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.)"

B. His family sent a message to Jesus.

John 11:3 "So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

John 11:4 "When He heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."

John 11:5 "Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus."

John 11:6 "So when He heard that Lazarus was sick, He stayed where he was two more days."

C. Jesus shared a message with his disciples.

John 11:7 "And then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

John 11:8 "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?"

John 11:9 "Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light."

John 11:10 "It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light."

D. Lazarus succumbed to death.

1. Jesus planned to raise him from the dead.

John 11:11 "After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

John 11:12 "His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better."

John 11:13 "Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought He meant natural sleep."

2. Jesus planned to reinforce their faith.

John 11:14 "So then He told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

John 11:16 "Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

II. His family felt the sorrow of death.

A. Jesus arrived in Bethany but Lazarus was already dead.

John 11:17 "On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days."

John 11:18 "Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem."

B. Jesus saw Mary & Martha mourn Lazarus's death.

John 11:19 "And many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother."

Psalms 6:6 "I am worn out from groaning; all night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears."

Psalms 34:18 "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

C. Jesus addressed Martha's words of disappointment.

John 11:20 "When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home."

John 11:21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

John 11:22 "But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

John 11:23 "Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

John 11:24 "Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

III. His family heard the facts about the resurrection.

A. Jesus relayed a powerful truth about the resurrection.

John 11:25a "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life."

B. Jesus reminded Martha that death is temporary.

John 11:25b "... The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."

C. Jesus reassured Martha that life is eternal.

John 11:26 "And whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:27 "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

John 11:28 "After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you."

John 11:29 "When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him."

John 11:30 "Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him."

John 11:31 "When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there."

John 11:32 "When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

John 11:33 "When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled."

IV. His family watched as Jesus freed Lazarus from the grip of death.

A. Jesus requested the location of the grave.

John 11:34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied."

John 11:35 "Jesus wept."

John 11:36 "Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

John 11:37 "But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

B. Jesus wanted the stone removed.

John 11:38 "Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance."

John 11:39 "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

John 11:40 "Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

John 11:41a "So they took away the stone"

C. Jesus responded to the Father with thanks.

John 11:41b "... Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me."