



Ministry of Biblical Studies

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March 26th | "The Miracle of Resurrection: Lazarus Raised from the Dead"



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Scripture Focus:

- John 11:1-44

Background Context:

- **The Situation:** Lazarus, a dear friend of Jesus, had been dead for four days before Jesus arrived.
- **The Response of Martha and Mary:** Both expressed grief and disappointment, yet Martha still declared faith in Jesus.
- **Jesus’ Emotions:** He was deeply moved and wept, showing His compassion for human suffering.
- **The Miracle:** Jesus commanded Lazarus to come out of the tomb, demonstrating His power over death.

Key Themes & Discussion Points:

Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life

- In **John 11:25**, Jesus declares, **“I am the resurrection and the life.”** What does this statement mean for us today?
- **The power of Christ over death**—How does this miracle point to Jesus’ own resurrection?
- **Faith beyond circumstances**—Martha believed Lazarus would rise “in the last day,” but Jesus wanted her to trust Him **in the present moment**. How does this challenge our faith?

Reflection Questions:

- Have you ever felt like God was “too late” in answering a prayer? How does this story encourage us to trust in His timing?
- What does it mean to truly believe that Jesus is the resurrection and the life in our daily struggles?

How Do We Embrace New Life and Hope Through Christ?

- **Lazarus was raised, but still bound in grave clothes.** Jesus instructed others to “unbind him and let him go” (v. 44). How does this symbolize our own need for freedom from sin, fear, or past struggles?
- **Leaving behind the past**—What “grave clothes” (old mindsets, habits, or fears) do we need to let go of to walk in new life?
- **Hope beyond hopelessness**—How does this miracle teach us to trust God even when things seem impossible?

Reflection Questions:

- In what ways has Christ brought resurrection power into your life?
- How can we help “unbind” others by sharing hope, encouragement, and truth?

Faith in Action: Applying the Lesson to Our Lives

- Identify an area in your life where you need to embrace **new life and hope** through Christ.
- Write down a declaration of faith, acknowledging Jesus as your source of **resurrection power**.
- Consider praying for someone who needs a reminder that God brings **life to dead situations**.

Closing Prayer

- Pray for renewed faith, hope, and spiritual revival. Ask God to help everyone fully embrace the new life that comes through Christ.

