

DIGGING DEEPER

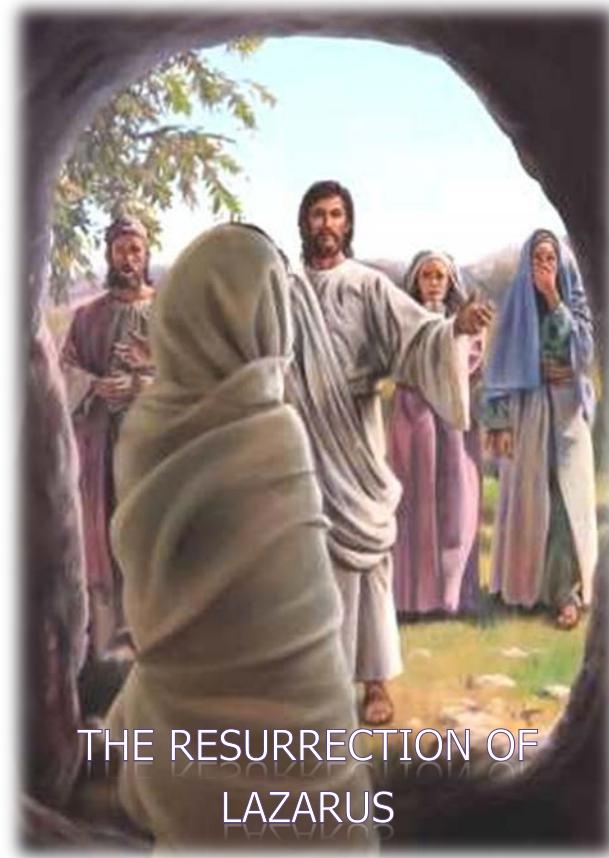


Walking in Truth

In Genesis 2:17 God solemnly warned Adam and Eve that "in the day that you eat of (the tree of knowledge of good and evil) you shall surely die." They ate and they died, and all their off-spring are doomed with the DNA of death. Consequently, death separates us from those we love and stalks each of us like a relentless hound. In John 11 Jesus ministers to a family struggling with the pain of death. As the One who is the resurrection and the life He shows us why we need never fear death again.

1. What did you learn from our study in the 11th chapter of John that you did not already know? What one change do you purpose to make in your life as a result of this study?
2. Reminisce the death of a family member or friend. What emotional effect did their death have on you? Did their death cause you to question God's love? Explain.
3. How do you resolve the seeming conflict between Jesus' love for Lazarus and his deliberate delay in helping him (4-5)? How can those verses help us when we feel abandoned by God in a time of great need? What additional insight into God's purposes can we gain from Jesus' statement in verse 15?
4. What elements of doubt and faith do you see in Martha's statements to Jesus (17-27)? How does Jesus stretch Martha's faith in this brief encounter?
5. Why do you think John emphasizes that Jesus was deeply moved by Mary's grief and the anguish of those with her (28-38)?
6. Based on this passage, how would you respond to those who believe that grief is incompatible with real faith? How long do you think it is reasonable to grieve? Why?
7. In what ways will this chapter change the way you respond to personal difficulty, God's apparent delays or death?

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THE RESURRECTION OF
LAZARUS

John 11:1-57
7th in a Series of Studies on
Seven Signs that Jesus is
Messiah & God

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I. Facing The Reality Of Death

II. Lazarus Faces His Own Death (1-3)

III. Jesus Faces His Friend's Dying (4-7)

A. His Declaration (4):

B. His Devotion (5):

C. His Delay (6):

D. His Decision (7):

IV. Jesus' Disciples Face Death (8-16)

A. Their Concern (8):

B. His Commitment (9-11):

C. Their Confusion (12-13):

D. His Clarification (14-15):

V. Lazarus' Friends Face Death (17-19)

VI. Martha Faces Her Brother's Death (20-28)

A. Her Frustration (20-21):

B. Her Faith (22-27)

VII. Mary Faces Her Brother's Death (29-32)

VIII. Jesus Faces His Friend's Death (33-37)

A. He Weeps (33-35)

B. Others Wonder (36-37):

IX. Lazarus Faces The Resurrection (38-44)

A. The Preparation by Jesus (38-40)

B. The Prayer of Jesus (41-42):

C. The Power from Jesus (43-44)

X. Religion Faces The Resurrection (45-57)