

The Resurrection and the Life

JOHN 11 • LESSON 13

John 11 takes us to the village of Bethany, about two miles away from Jerusalem (**11:18**), where Jesus will provide powerful proof that what he said in **John 10:37-38** is true:

“If I am not doing the _____ of my Father, then do not believe me; but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, _____ the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.”

John 11:1 introduces us to three siblings—Lazarus, Mary, and Martha—and tells us that Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you _____ is ill.” But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the _____ of God, so that the _____ of God may be glorified through it.”

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed _____ days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus 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. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has _____, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may _____. But let us go to him.” So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” (**11:3-17**)

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb _____ days. As Jesus talks with Martha, we hear his fifth “I am” statement: “I am the _____ and the life” (**11:25**). John records that this was a very emotional moment for Jesus. “He was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled” (**11:34**). **John 11:35** simply tells us, “Jesus _____.” But in **John 11:39**, he says, “Take away the stone.” As Martha protests, Jesus asks, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the _____ of God?” (**11:40**). When Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out,” the man who had died came out” (**11:43-44**).

What a powerful sign pointing directly to the glory of God! Sadly, some were unwilling to see God’s glory in what Jesus had done (**11:45-57**). Let’s talk about it..



For Class & Family Discussion:

- What do you think Jesus meant in [John 11:4](#) when he heard that Lazarus was ill?
- What does John want to make sure we understand about how Jesus felt about this family in [11:5](#)?
- We have another cryptic statement from Jesus in [11:9-10](#). What do you think he was saying?
- Why would Jesus describe Lazarus as being asleep ([11:11-14](#)) if he knew that Lazarus had died?
- Looking back at what Martha said to Jesus ([11:21-27](#)), what has she come to believe about him?
- When Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life” ([11:25](#)), what was he communicating?
- We’ve talked a lot about the power of Jesus throughout this study of John’s Gospel. What do we learn about his heart in [11:32-36](#)?
- Let’s make sure to see what Jesus wants us to see. How would you rephrase his question in [11:40](#) in your own words?
- What did the Pharisees have to admit in [11:47](#)? But what was their fundamental problem ([11:48-53](#))?
- If Jesus really is “the resurrection and the life,” what does that mean for us today?