

Studies in the Life of Christ

NT Survey Lesson 34--John 11

Introduction: The signs presented in the gospel of John display the wonderful power of Jesus over every part of the creation. But perhaps no miracle is as moving as the raising of the dead to life. This attesting miracle points to the spiritual claim of Jesus--"I am the resurrection and the life".

Lesson aim: To emphasize Jesus' claim to be the resurrection and the life.

The report of Lazarus' condition--John 11:1-16

1. What report was sent to Jesus concerning his friend Lazarus?
2. What did Jesus mean when he said the sickness is not unto death, but unto the glory of God?
3. Why did the disciples fear for the Lord's return to Judea?
4. How did Jesus describe Lazarus' death at first? What did Jesus later plainly say to the disciples?
5. How does "doubting Thomas" show great faith in this episode?

Jesus' conversation with Martha--John 11:17-29

1. How long had Lazarus been dead by the time Jesus and the disciples arrived?
2. Who first went out to meet the Lord? What were her first words? What does this say about Martha?
3. What consoling words did Jesus give to Martha? What did she think he meant by them?
4. What claim did Jesus make? What does he mean by it?
5. What confession did Martha make about Jesus?

Mary comes to meet Jesus--John 11:30-37

1. What were Mary's first words to Jesus?

2. Describe Jesus' reaction to the death of Lazarus. What does this say about Him?
3. What faith is expressed by those who knew Jesus?

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead--John 11:38-46

1. What did Jesus ask to be done? What protest did this arouse?
2. Describe what Jesus did in raising Lazarus from the dead.
3. What were the two reactions to the miracle Jesus performed?

The Pharisees conspire Jesus' death--John 11:47-57

1. What did the council fear would happen if they did not do something with Jesus?
2. What observation did Caiaphas make? How was he able to make such a prediction?
3. What orders did the chief priests and Pharisees give concerning Jesus?