

JOHN 11; September 21; Jesus Raises Lazarus From The Dead

ANALYSIS:

1. After Jesus heard that Lazarus was sick, why did he wait two days before leaving for Bethany? _____
2. When Jesus finally arrived in Bethany, how many days had Lazarus already been dead? _____
3. Why did Jesus groan in the spirit when he saw Mary and the Jews mourning over the death of Lazarus? _____
4. How did Lazarus come forth from the tomb if he was bound hand and foot with graveclothes? _____
5. Who unknowingly prophesied that it was necessary that Jesus should die for the people of God? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The Lord Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life (v 25). As the Son of God, he not only had the power to raise Lazarus to physical life again (vs 43-44), but he has the power to raise dead sinners to spiritual and eternal life (vs 25-26; 5:21-25). Even as Lazarus could not help himself in any way to rise from that tomb, so sinners, dead in trespasses and sins, cannot help themselves in any way to rise from spiritual death to spiritual life. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only one who can give physical or spiritual life. His life-giving voice makes all the difference. Just as he called Lazarus from that cold, dark tomb, so his life-giving voice calls dead sinners to spiritual life in the new birth. He is indeed the resurrection and the life! Believest thou this?!

If the life-giving voice of the Son of God has called you from spiritual death to spiritual life, what have you done with your new found spiritual life? Are you using it to bring praise and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ? Are you seeking the Lord with all of your heart? Are you reading your Bible daily so you can grow in the knowledge of God and His will for your life? Are you spending time in prayer to your Heavenly Father? Are you loving and serving your brothers and sisters in Christ? May our lives bring honor and blessing to our Lord Jesus Christ in all that we do daily!

HELP:

1. So that by raising Lazarus to life “the Son of God might be glorified” (v 4), the disciples might believe (v 15), Mary (and others) might “see the glory of God” (v 40), and “the people ... may believe Thou hast sent Me” (v 42).
2. Lazarus had been dead for four days (vs 17, 39).
3. Because they did not have faith that He, as the Son of God, could raise Lazarus to life again (vs 33, 37-38).
4. By the power of the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ (vs 43-44).
5. Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year (vs 49-52).