

**“I am the resurrection
and the life.”**

John Chapter 11:1-44

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**Main idea of the sermon:
Jesus has power over life and
death, both physical and
spiritual**

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John 11:1-3

1 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) **3** So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.”

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John 11:4-8

4 When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.” **5** Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

6 So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, **7** and then he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.” **8** “But Rabbi,” they said, “a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?”

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“God’s Son would be glorified through what happened to Lazarus, partly because the miracle displays the glory of God (who alone can raise the dead) in Jesus and partly because it would help initiate events leading to the cross.”

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John 11:9-13

9 Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight?

Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world’s light.

10 It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.”

11 After he had said this, he went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.” **12** His disciples replied, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.” **13** Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

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John 11:14-16

14 So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, **15** and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” **16** Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

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“The hostility toward Jesus had reached such a stage that the disciples were convinced that a trip to Jerusalem would eventually led to Jesus’ death. If they could not talk Him out of the trip they at least declared their willingness to die with Him.” Usually remembered for his doubting, [Thomas] was also capable of devotion and courage.”

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John 11:17-23

17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. **18** Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, **19** and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.

20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. **21** “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. **22** But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” **23** Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

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John 11:24-27

24 Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” **25** Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; **26** and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” **27** “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

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“Life for the believer does not end at death, but continues eternally as an endless life of fellowship with God. This is true for those who, like Lazarus, were in the tomb as well as for those who are still alive.”

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John 11:28-32

28 After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.” **29** When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. **30** Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.

31 When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. **32** When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

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**Both Martha and Mary
believed that if Jesus had
been present that their
brother Lazarus would not
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33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. **34** “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. **35** Jesus wept. **36** Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” **37** But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

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John 11:38-41a

38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. **39** “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” **40** Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” **41** So they took away the stone.

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John 11:41b-44

41 Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. **42** I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” **44** The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

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“The dead cannot hear, but Jesus wanted those present to see that God’s voice can raise the dead. The divine call that gives life to the dead vividly illustrates God’s call to the spiritually dead that raise them to spiritual life.”

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Ephesians 2:4-5

4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, **5** made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved.

Life Applications

**When we learn to trust Jesus,
we will experience the
triumph of life over death.**

Final Thoughts

“The miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead is a climax to all the preceding signs that have revealed God’s glory through Jesus. Here death itself, the final enemy of humanity, is successfully confronted by the One who Himself is the Resurrection and the Life.”

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Final Thoughts

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. **14** For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. **15** According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive,

15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. **18** Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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John 11:25-26

25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; **26** and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”