John Lesson 31

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INTRODUCTION

- The story about Lazarus is one about a close friend of Jesus. And he lived in a town called Bethany, just about two miles from Jerusalem.
- Jesus therefore had left Jerusalem and gone beyond Jordan to the area where John the Baptist had earlier been baptizing. While he was there, the message was sent to him that Lazarus was sick.

1 This Sickness Is Not Unto Death

John 11:1–10

- When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.
- He knew that the Jews would not take him, they would not be crucified until his hour was come.
- The end result is not just going to be death, but there's a greater purpose for it.

2 The Purpose for Miracles

John 20:30–31; Acts 2:22; Hebrews 2:3–4

- These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you might have life through his name.
- There was a purpose for the miracles of Jesus it was to prove that he was deity that he was the Son of God who had come in the flesh.
- Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs which God did by him in the midst of you.
- Miracles were essential in the first century that the truth may be revealed and that it might be confirmed as the truth.

3 When That Which Is Perfect Is Come

1 Corinthians 13:9–10; Galatians 1:6–8; Hebrews 13:8

- We know in part and we prophesy in part, but when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.
- Today we have the word of truth fully revealed. We have the truth fully confirmed.
- The very fact that the dead cannot be raised proves that is an abuse of Hebrews 13 and verse 8.
- The greater works that men can do of John 14 and verse 12 are those things pertaining to eternal life.

4 I Was Glad for Your Sakes

John 11:11–16; 2 Chronicles 14:1; Ecclesiastes 12:7

- Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead, and I was glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe.
- One does not become unconscious at death, or nor does he cease to exist, but rather his spirit or inward part returns unto the Father.
- There's something much worse than physical death, and that is spiritual death, eternal death, eternal separation from God.
- All of us need to soberly consider that we shall one day die, and we shall one day face judgment.

5 I Am the Resurrection and the Life

John 11:17–27; John 5:28–29

- Martha was not rebuking the Lord, but rather it was really a matter of praise, an expression of praise.
- I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.
- You either have to say that he is everything he claimed to be, or he is a liar.
- If you truly believe in Christ, there will never be the spiritual death.

6 To Really Live and Believe Is to Obey

James 2:14–26; Romans 6:17–18; Hebrews 5:8–9

- But it involves much more than just mental acceptance. It involves much more than just faith only.
- If faith only is all you have, then it'll be lost. It'll be a lost faith.
- To really live and believe in Jesus Christ is to obey his word. It means to do what the Lord said and the way the Lord said, do it.
- Faith, if it hath not works, if it hath not obedience, is dead, being alone.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Have you come to accept him truly as the resurrection and the life? Have you bowed yourself in humble obedience to his word, able to say, Lord, show me thy will and I'll keep it.**

MY NOTES