



Believe

JOHN

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Raising Lazarus: Pointing to a Better Resurrection

Bible Reading: John 11:38-45

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Jesus Raises Lazarus (Jn. 11:38-45)

- A. The Opening of the tomb (vv. 38-41a)
 - 1. Jesus takes charge (v. 39a) *“Remove the stone.”*
 - 2. Martha objects (v. 39b) *“Stench”*
 - 3. Jesus reminds Martha (v. 40)
 - 1. See the glory of God, the character of God
 - 2. Believe
 - 4. The stone is removed (v. 41a)
- B. Jesus calls Lazarus out of the tomb (vv. 41b-45)
 - 1. Jesus thanks the Father (vv. 41b-42)
 - 1. For always hearing him
 - 2. Displaying his dependence on the Father
 - 3. So belief may occur
 - 2. Jesus calls Lazarus out of the tomb (vv. 43-44)
 - 1. Jesus cried with a loud voice: *“Lazarus, come out!”*
 - 2. Lazarus came out of the tomb bound and wrapped
 - 3. Jesus commanded that he be unwrapped
 - 3. Many standing by believed (v. 45)

Resurrection Explored

- A. What resurrection is not
 - 1. Not just an End-Time event (11:24; 5:21, 25-29; 6:39-44, 54; Dan. 12:2)
 - 2. Plato's Dualistic approach is not the Bible's approach
- B. The intermediate state before resurrection (Phil. 1:23; 2 Cor. 5:1-4)
- C. Resurrection brings hope (Jn. 11:24-26)
 - 1. Entering into relationship with Jesus and the Father
 - 2. Death is real, but not final
 - 3. Being called out of death on the Last Day (Jn. 5:28-29)
 - 1. The general resurrection of all the dead
 - 2. Lazarus' resurrection symbolizes the resurrection of believers
 - 4. Resurrection of the whole person
 - 5. In resurrection receiving a transformed body

Resurrection Today:

- A. Not living under the power of death
- B. Living in the hope of resurrection (1 Cor. 15:58)
- C. Jesus Calls You Out of Your Grave