

John 11: 17 - 37

Joh 11:17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Joh 11:18 Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, Joh 11:19 and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. Joh 11:20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. Joh 11:21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. Joh 11:22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." Joh 11:23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Joh 11:24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Joh 11:25 Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;** Joh 11:26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. **Do you believe this?"** Joh 11:27 "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." Joh 11:28 And 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." Joh 11:29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Joh 11:30 Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. Joh 11:31 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. Joh 11:32 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." Joh 11:33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. Joh 11:34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Joh 11:35 Jesus wept. Joh 11:36 Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" Joh 11:37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

1. In verse 21 and 32, what similar response do both sisters give to Jesus? Why did they say this?
2. Was Mary or Martha limiting Jesus by their reaction? Why or Why not?
3. What did Martha think Jesus was talking about in verse 23?

1Co 15:40 There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. 1Co 15:41 The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor. 1Co 15:42 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; 1Co 15:43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 1Co 15:44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

4. What did Jesus mean by His response in the first part verse 25?
5. What is Jesus teaching in the second part of verse 25 and the beginning of verse 26?
6. What might be the reasoning verse 26 for Jesus asking Mary if she believed what Jesus was saying?
7. After Jesus wept in verse 35, what are the two different ways that the people responded and interpreted His actions?

John 11: 38 - 44

Joh 11:38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. Joh 11:39 "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." Joh 11:40 Then Jesus said, **"Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"** Joh 11:41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. Joh 11:42 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." Joh 11:43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" Joh 11:44 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."

1. What can we learn from verse 40?
2. How does verse 40 apply to a believer?
3. How does verse 40 apply to someone who is not yet a believer?
4. What is the spiritual analogy we can see from this physical miracle in verses 43 & 44?

John 11: 45 - 57

Joh 11:45 Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him. Joh 11:46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. Joh 11:47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. "What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many miraculous signs. Joh 11:48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." Joh 11:49 Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! Joh 11:50 **You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.**" Joh 11:51 He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, Joh 11:52 and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. Joh 11:53 **So from that day on they plotted to take his life.** Joh 11:54 Therefore Jesus no longer moved about publicly among the Jews. Instead he withdrew to a region near the desert, to a village called Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples. Joh 11:55 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, many went up from the country to Jerusalem for their ceremonial cleansing before the Passover. Joh 11:56 They kept looking for Jesus, and as they stood in the temple area they asked one another, "What do you think? Isn't he coming to the Feast at all?" Joh 11:57 But the chief priests and Pharisees had given orders that if anyone found out where Jesus was, he should report it so that they might arrest him.

1. In verse 45- 48, why were the Pharisees upset with Jesus?
2. According to Scripture, how should one understand Caiaphas' prophecy in verse 50?
3. What do we learn about God's plan of salvation in verse 52?
4. From verse 53, how did the Pharisees misunderstand Caiaphas' prophecy?