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Jesus Raises Lazarus



“Would you please elaborate on ‘then something bad happened’?”

John 20:30-31 ESV

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ **but these are written** so that **you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that **by believing you may have life** in his name.

John 11:21-27 ESV

²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

John 11:40-46 ESV

⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” ⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶ but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

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- **Set-up**
 - **Scenes**
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Set-up

John 11:1-6 ESV

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill.³ So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴ But when Jesus heard it he said, “**This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.**” ⁵ **Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.** ⁶ So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, **he stayed two days longer** in the place where he was.

Set-up: For God's Glory

Jesus loved Martha, Mary and Lazarus; **yet** Jesus stayed two more days.

Why the delay?

V4-5 – To demonstrate His love and for the glory of God

Set-up: God is Sovereign

Proverbs 19:21 NIV

²¹ Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.

God sets us up for something greater

Scenes: Emotional Condition

Martha: ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” – John 11:21 ESV

Mary: ³² Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” – John 11:32 ESV

Friends: ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?” – John 11:37 ESV

Scenes: Martha's Response to Jesus

John 11:24-27 ESV

²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

Scenes: Our Response

While waiting for victory,
fervently believe in God's promises.

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John 11:41-44 ESV

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that **they may believe that you sent me.**” ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “**Lazarus, come out.**” ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

An open tomb – Biblical Resources Institute, En Kerem (John 11:41)



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John 11:25a ESV

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.”


The Resurrection:

- Validates Jesus as the Son of God and the Messiah
 - Proves His sinless character
 - Jesus is not just the giver of life, **He is life itself**
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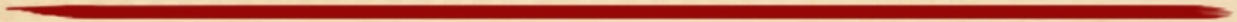
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1 Corinthians 15:3-8 ESV

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.



Our resurrected life is **a life lived today** in
the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.





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