

## Lazarus: The Once Dead Man Walking (John 11:27-46)

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### Introduction

#### Jesus Shares the Sorrow of Death (11:27-37)

<sup>28</sup> And having said these *things*, she left and called her sister Mary privately, saying, “The Teacher is here and is calling you.”

<sup>29</sup> When she heard this, she arose quickly and went to Him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was in the place where Martha had met Him.

<sup>31</sup> So when those Judeans who were with Mary in the house, consoling her, saw her arise quickly and leave, they followed her, saying, “She is going to the tomb to weep there.”

<sup>32</sup> So when Mary came where Jesus was, she fell at His feet upon seeing Him, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”

<sup>33</sup> So when Jesus saw her weeping, and those Judeans who came with her weeping, He groaned in His spirit and troubled Himself.

<sup>34</sup> And He said, “Where have you • put him?” They told Him, “Lord, come and see.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> So those Judeans were saying, “See how He loved him.” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could He not, who opened the eyes of the blind *man*, have also done *something*, so this *man* would not have died?”

#### Jesus Raises Lazarus (11:38-44)

So Jesus, groaning in Himself again, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying upon it.

<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Remove • the stone.” Martha, the sister of the deceased, told Him, “Lord, he already stinks, because it is the fourth *day*.”

<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that, if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

<sup>41</sup> So they removed the stone from where the deceased was lying. And Jesus raised His eyes upward and said, “Father, I thank You that You heard Me.

<sup>42</sup> “Now I knew that You always hear Me, but I spoke because of the multitude standing around, so they may believe that You have sent Me.”

<sup>43</sup> And after saying these *things*, He shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” <sup>44</sup> So the deceased came out, *his* feet and hands bound with linen *strips*, and his face wrapped with a facecloth. Jesus told them, “Loose • him and let • *him* go.”

### **Many Believe, so the Sanhedrin Plots to Kill Jesus (11:45-57)**

<sup>45</sup> So many of those Judeans who had come to Mary and saw the *things* Jesus did, believed in Him. <sup>46</sup> But some of those *Judeans* went away to the Pharisees and told them the *things* Jesus did.

<sup>47</sup> So the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a Sanhedrin and said, “What are we accomplishing? For this man does many signs. <sup>48</sup> “If we let Him *continue* like this, everyone will believe in Him. Then the Romans will come and remove both *our* position and nation *from us*.”

<sup>49</sup> But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, who during that year was high priest, told them, “You • know nothing. <sup>50</sup> “Nor do you • consider that it benefits us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish.”

<sup>51</sup> Now he did not say this from himself, but (being high priest during that year) he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation,

<sup>52</sup> and not only for the nation, but also so He might gather the dispersed children of God into one *flock*.

<sup>53</sup> So from that *day on* they resolved to kill Him.

<sup>54</sup> Thus Jesus no longer walked openly among the Judeans, but departed from there to the countryside near the desert, to a town called Ephraim. And He spent time there with His disciples.

<sup>55</sup> Now Passover of the Judeans was near, and many went up to Jerusalem from the countryside before Passover to purify themselves.

<sup>56</sup> So *people* were seeking Jesus and talking with one another while standing in the temple *courtyard*: “What does it seem to you •? He would certainly not come to the feast, *would He?*”

<sup>57</sup> Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given an order that— if anyone knew where He was he should report *it*— so they might arrest Him.

### **Conclusion**