

## **JOHN 11:1-44 | The Jesus People Met – Lazarus**

*How would your life change if you knew for sure there was no life beyond the grave? What if you had a hunch there was?*

READ JOHN 11:1-16

1. What does Jesus say is the reason for this illness (v. 4)?  
What do we learn here about the relationship between God the Father and God the Son?
2. What is the logical relationship between verses 5 and 6?<sup>1</sup> How on earth could Jesus' apparent inaction be an expression of love for Lazarus and his sisters?
3. What is the purpose of the mini-parable of verses 9-11 in the flow of the story?

READ JOHN 11:17-37

4. What general expectations concerning resurrection (vv. 23-24) were already held by devout Jews like Martha at the time? c.f. Daniel 12:1-4

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1 Especially given that the first word of verse 6 ('Yet') is actually better translated as 'Therefore' from the original.

5. How does Jesus drastically broaden the scope and scale of these expectations by how he responds in verses 25-26?
6. How does Jesus' solidarity with us in our suffering (vv. 33, 35, 38) offer comfort and hope to those who grieve?

READ JOHN 11:38-44

7. Why does Jesus pray like he does in verses 41-42?  
How does it link with what he has just said in verse 40?
8. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-28. In what sense is the resurrection of Lazarus (vv. 43-44) a foretaste of even greater things to come?

**Apply:** We can know *for sure* that there is life beyond the grave because Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. List some tangible ways this will change your life this week?

**Pray:** *For the Men's Toolbox Dinner this Thursday night – that blokes will be well fed, both physically and spiritually.*

*For Muslims as they enter Ramadan (18 Jun – 17 Jul) – that they would meet Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life*