



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 11:38-57 (NAS)

"Jesus Gives Us Life"

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- 38 Jesus therefore again being deeply moved within, *came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.
- 39 Jesus *said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, *said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days."
- 40 Jesus *said to her, "Did I not say to you, if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"
- 41 And so they removed the stone. And Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank Thee that Thou hearest Me.
- 42 "And I knew that Thou hearest Me always; but because of the people standing around I said it, that they may believe that Thou didst send Me."
- 43 And when He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth."
- 44 He who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings; and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus *said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."
- 45 Many therefore of the Jews, who had come to Mary and beheld what He had done, believed in Him.
- 46 But some of them went away to the Pharisees, and told them the things which Jesus had done.
- 47 Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, "What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs.
- 48 "If we let Him go on like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."
- 49 But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all,
- 50 nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation should not perish."
- 51 Now this he did not say on his own initiative; but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation,
- 52 and not for the nation only, but that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.
- 53 So from that day on they planned together to kill Him.
- 54 Jesus therefore no longer continued to walk publicly among the Jews, but went away from there to the country near the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim; and there He stayed with the disciples.
- 55 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover, to purify themselves.
- 56 Therefore they were seeking for Jesus, and were saying to one another, as they stood in the temple, "What do you think; that He will not come to the feast at all?"
- 57 Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it, that they might seize Him.

I. LAZARUS' RESURRECTION

- A. Jesus' Greatest Miracle To This Point
- B. Jesus Again Evidenced His Compassion
- C. Jesus Conquers Death

II. MARTHA'S RESPONSE

A. It Is A Reaction To The Circumstances

1. Her brother had been dead 4 days
2. There was the expected stench of death

III. JESUS' PURPOSE IN HIS MIRACLES

- A. To Promote Faith *Matthew 8:26*
- B. To Strengthen Faith *John 11:14-15*
- C. Faith Brings The Glory Of God Into View

IV. JESUS' EXAMPLE OF PRAYER

- A. He Set His Focus On The Father
- B. He Acknowledged His Certainty He Would Be Heard
- C. We Are Called To Approach The Father In Similar Manner
 1. Lifting our eye toward Him *Psalms 122*
 2. Knowing He is there; He is listening *Hebrews 13:5; Philippians 4:19*
 3. Not ashamed to speak to Him publicly

V. JESUS' CALL TO LAZARUS

- A. Declared God's Power Over Death
- B. Depicts God's Power To Call Us Out Of Spiritual Death
Ephesians 2:1-9

VI. RADICALLY DIFFERENT RESPONSES TO THE RESURRECTION

- A. Some Believe
- B. Others Plotted Jesus' Death