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⁸ The disciples said to Him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and are You going there again?” ⁹ Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰ But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” ¹¹ This He said, and after that He said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, so that I may awaken him out of sleep.” ¹² The disciples then said to Him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” ¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He was speaking of literal sleep. ¹⁴ So Jesus then said to them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe; but let us go to him.” ¹⁶ Therefore Thomas, who is called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, so that we may die with Him.”

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John 11:25-31

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”

²⁷ She said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world.”

²⁸ When she had said this, she went away and called Mary her sister, saying secretly, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and was coming to Him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met Him. ³¹ Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and consoling her, when they saw that Mary got up quickly and went out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there

John 11:32-38

³² Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”

³³ When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled, ³⁴ and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.”

³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ So the Jews were saying, “See how He loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have kept this man also from dying?”

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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 that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴² I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me."

⁴³ When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." ⁴⁴ The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them

John 10:24-25

²⁵ ... “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe; **the works that I do** in My Father’s name, **these testify of Me.**

1. Changing water into wine at Cana in John 2:1–11
2. Healing the royal official's son in Capernaum in John 4:46–54
3. Healing the paralytic at Bethesda in John 5:1–15
4. Feeding the multitude in John 6:5–14
5. Jesus walking on water in John 6:16–24
6. Healing the man blind from birth in John 9:1–7
7. The raising of Lazarus in John 11:1–45

Main Idea

The resurrection of Lazarus proves Jesus' authority over life and death and testifies to His ability to raise up all people, and to give eternal life to all who believe.

An Honest look at death...

- A pervasive reality... no one is exempt
- An agonizing reality... no matter how or when, it is always sad
- It's not the way it would be apart from the devastation of the Fall
- Death is not what sin does to the world, it's what God does in response to sin... death is God's righteous response to sin.

The resurrection of Lazarus isn't about Jesus' upcoming resurrection...

It's about *your* resurrection.

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1. The Right Perspective on Death
2. The Right Response to Death
3. The Way to Eternal Life

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The Right Perspective on Death

1. Even those who are loved by Jesus will experience sickness and death
2. For the believer, circumstances that are accompanied by death will not end in death.

John 11:14-15

¹⁴ So Jesus then said to them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe...”

The death and delayed resurrection of Lazarus prefigures our impending death, followed by our delayed resurrection to eternal life.

Jesus performed this miracle for the glory of God and for the benefit of our faith – that we might be strengthened in the face of death and comforted in our grief.

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⁸ The disciples said to Him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and are You going there again?” ⁹ Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰ But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” ... ¹¹ ...let us go to him.”

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Psalm 139:16

Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;
And in Your book were written
All the days that were ordained for me,
When as yet there was not one of them.

The believer in Christ can trust that if they are walking in the light and following Jesus, they will not “stumble” – they will be kept secure, even if the path ordained by God for them is approaching their death.

The Lord Jesus has gone into death ahead of you and He knows the way out of the grave...

He raised Lazarus in part to show you that you can confidently follow Him, even into death.

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2. He is ours through Faith Him

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John 5:25-29

²⁵ Truly, truly, I say to you, a time is coming and even now has arrived, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For just as the Father has life in Himself, so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; ²⁷ and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man.

²⁸ Do not be amazed at this; for a time is coming when **all who are in the tombs will hear His voice,** ²⁹ **and will come out:** those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, **those who committed the bad deeds to a resurrection of judgment.**

John 11:43-44

⁴³ When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, “**Lazarus, come forth.**”

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“Unbind him, and let him go.”

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