

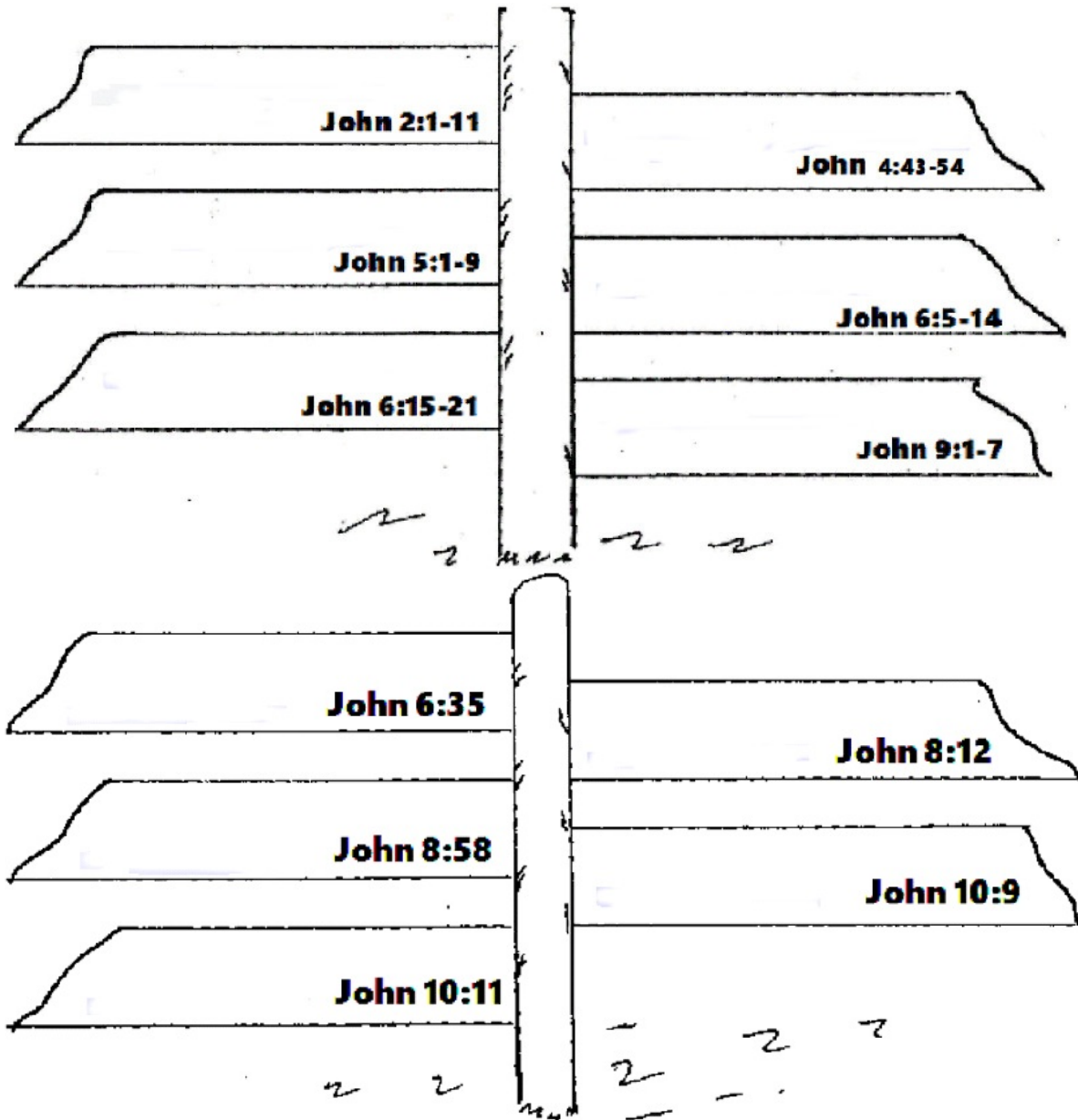
STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

LESSON 12 - JOHN CHAPTER 11

REVIEW

Let us review what we have learned in the Studies in the Gospel of John so far.

First, let us look at the miracles Jesus did. Write the signs (miracles) on the sign post.



Next, let us look at the “I am” sayings. Write the “I am” sayings on the sign post. John shows us how the leaders and the people reacted to the miracles. This means that Jesus did a miracle and the people reacted by believing on Him. We can say the miracles of Jesus caused the people to believe. The leaders reacted by getting angry. Or, we can say, the miracles caused the leaders to get angry.

Some people believed. Others did not believe. The leaders were not ready to believe Jesus was the Messiah.

1. Jesus cleaned out the temple by chasing out the people who were selling things in it. John 2:13-22. What was the reaction of the Jews? John 2:18.

They said, “ .”

2. Jesus healed the helpless man, John 5:1-16. What did the Jews try to do?

John 5:16 .

Why? John 5:16 .

John 5:18 .

3. Jesus fed the 5,000 in Galilee. Then He said that He was the Bread of Life, John 6.

What did many of His disciples do? John 6:66 .

4. Jesus was at the feast of tabernacles. The Jews and Jesus talked about the healing of the helpless man, John 7.

What did the people say about Jesus? John 7:20 .

What did the Pharisees and chief priests try to do?

John 7:32 .

5. Jesus said He was the Light of the world, John 8.

What did the Jews say? John 8:48 .

What did the Jews try to do? John 8:59 .

6. Jesus made the man born blind to see, John 9. Later when Jesus came back to Jerusalem, what did the Jews try to do?
John 10:31

Many Jews did not believe Jesus was “the Christ.” Some of these Jews wanted to kill Jesus. Yet, they never once were able to hurt Jesus. Why? Because

“His hour was not yet come.”

It was not time for Jesus to die.

Many Jews believed Jesus was “the Christ.” Also many who were not Jews believed Jesus was “the Christ.”

1. Many Samaritans believed, John 4:39.
2. The nobleman believed, John 4:53.
3. The disciples believed, John 6:67-71.
4. Many people believed, John 7:40-41.
5. The man who was born blind believed, John 9:38.
6. Many people beyond Jordan believed, John 10:40-42.

JOHN CHAPTER 11

ASSIGNMENT

READ John chapter 11.

MEMORIZE John 11:25,

“Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.”

KEY WORDS

The key words in this chapter are: **death, resurrection, life** and **believing**.

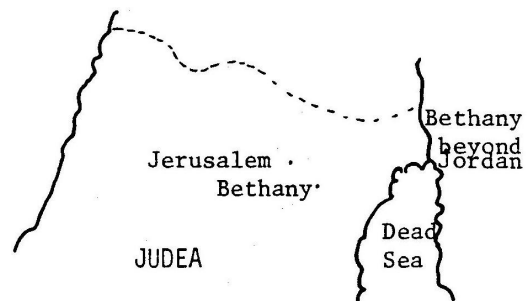
OUTLINE OF JOHN CHAPTER 11

- A. The death of Lazarus, John 11:1-43.
 - 1. Lazarus and his family, John 11:1-3.
 - 2. Why Lazarus died, John 11:4-6.
 - 3. Jesus showed His love, John 11:7-43.
- B. The resurrection of Lazarus, John 11:43-44.
 - 1. Lazarus was called.
 - 2. Lazarus became alive.
 - 3. Lazarus was set free.
- C. The results of the miracle; John 11:45-53.
 - 1. Some believed, some rejected, John 11:45-46.
 - 2. Religious leaders were afraid of . . . John 11:47-53.
 - 3. Caiaphas told of the death of Jesus.
- D. Jesus at Ephraim, John 11:54-57.

LOOKING AT JOHN CHAPTER 11

- A. **The death of Lazarus, John 11:1-43.**
 - 1. **Lazarus and his family, John 11:1-3.**

Chapter 10 closes with Jesus on the other



side of the Jordan River. He went over there because the Jews wanted to kill Him at Jerusalem.

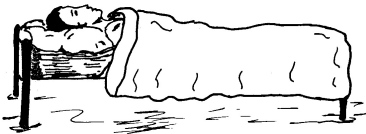
Chapter 11 begins in Bethany. Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary lived in Bethany. Bethany was just thirty minutes walk from Jerusalem. It was a quiet village near the mountains.

Jesus often visited the home of Martha and Mary. Read Luke 10:38-42.

What did Martha do?

What did Mary do?

Mary listened to Jesus. Mary, Martha and Lazarus knew that Jesus loved them. They knew Jesus was the Christ.



Lazarus became sick. Martha and Mary sent a message to Jesus, who was on the other side of the river.

What was the message?

John 11:3

Did they ask Jesus to come?

2. Why Lazarus died, John 11:4-6.

The messenger brought the message about Lazarus to Jesus.

What did Jesus tell His disciples about the sickness of Lazarus?

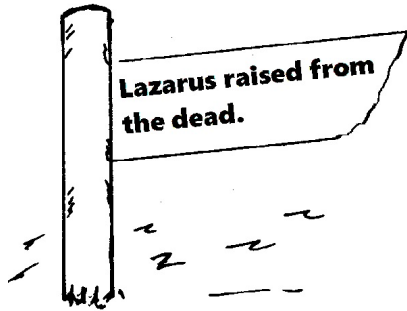
He said the Son of God would be because of it, John 11:4.

This is the seventh great miracle John wrote about. He used it to show us the glory of Jesus Christ. As we study this miracle, we will see it is the greatest sign Jesus did. This miracle caused many to believe on Him.

After Jesus heard Lazarus was sick, He stayed more days where He was beyond the Jordan River.

This was the last time Jesus was to be in this area. Did the people believe on





Jesus here? John 10:42

He had finished His work here.

After this Jesus told His disciples

Lazarus was _____ (John 11:11).

Did they understand what He meant?

What did He really mean?

Often the New Testament says a child of God is “asleep” to mean he is “dead.”

“... We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.” 1 Corinthians 15:51.

“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.” 1 Thessalonians 4:13.

A person who sleeps is easy to awaken.

Why was Jesus glad He was not with Lazarus when he died?

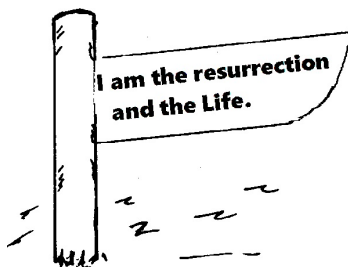
John 11:15

When Jesus came to Bethany, Lazarus had been dead _____ days.

It must have taken one day for the news to get to Jesus. Jesus stayed where He was for two days. It took one day for Jesus to come to Bethany. Lazarus must have died soon after the messengers went to find Jesus.

3. **Jesus showed His love, John 11:7-43.**

a. **Jesus offered life.**



Jesus and His disciples came to Bethany. Before He came into the village, Martha heard Jesus had come. She went out to meet Jesus. What did she say to Jesus?

John 11:21

She knew Jesus could have healed her brother. What did Jesus say to her?

John 11:23

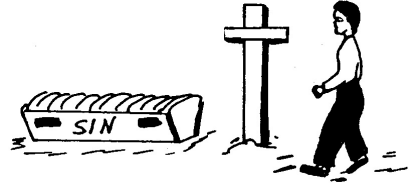
What did Martha think when Jesus said this?

John 11:24

We have another “*I am*” here.

What is it?

Jesus tells us two truths here. One is: there will be a day when Jesus will raise to life all who have trusted Him as Savior. The other truth is harder to understand. Every person is born dead to God. To be dead means to be separated from someone.



What does Ephesians 2:1 tell us?

Colossians 2:13?

A dead person cannot do anything. He cannot help himself. He cannot talk. When we live in sin we are dead to God. We cannot talk to Him. God cannot use us. We cannot work for Him. Christ is the One Who makes us alive to God, John 5:24. When Christ gives us life, we can talk to God. We can have fellowship with God. He can use us. We can work for Him. That is what Jesus meant when He said,

“Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.” John 11:26.

When we put our trust in Jesus we will never be separated from Him.

b. Jesus understood sorrow.

Mary did not go to Jesus right away. She knew Jesus cared for her. She was not angry with Him. Mary learned to know Jesus better than her sister and brother did. She knew He had something to teach her. Jesus would call her when He was ready. Martha came and told Mary Jesus was waiting for her.

Martha did not want others to know Jesus was around.

Why not?

Mary went right to Jesus. What did she do?

John 11:32

When Jesus visited their home, where did Mary sit?

Luke 10:39



Later in John chapter 12:3, where was Mary?

Mary said the same thing to Jesus as her sister said,

“Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died,” John 11:32.
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Verses 33 to 37 show us what Isaiah meant when he said,

“Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows,” Isaiah 53:4.

It is wonderful to know we have a Savior who understands us. He can understand our sorrows.

What does Hebrews 4:15 tell us?

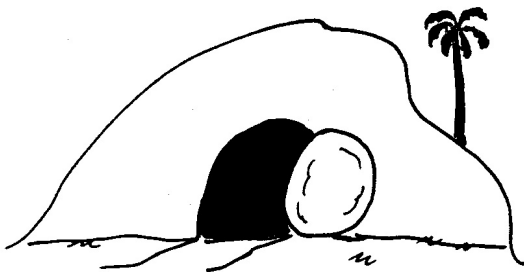
c. Jesus gives faith.

Jesus saw Mary weeping (crying). The people who were with her cried. Jesus also was sad.

What did Jesus ask? John 11:34

Did He have to ask?

He knew all things, but He wanted to lead them to joy.



Jesus and the two sisters went to the grave of Lazarus. The other people followed. They could see Jesus had a great love for this family. He even cried.

What was His first command?

John 11:39

Did Martha have faith that Jesus could do something?

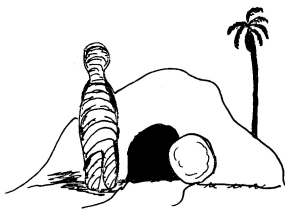
What did Jesus say to help her faith?

They obeyed the command of Jesus and took the stone away. They could smell the dead body when the grave was opened. Bodies start to rot fast in countries where it is very hot.

B. The resurrection of Lazarus, John 11:43-44.

1. Lazarus was called.

What was the second command Jesus gave? John 11:43



Notice Jesus called Lazarus by name. If He said only “*come forth*,” every dead person would have come alive. There is a day coming when all those who love Him will hear His voice. He is going to call them out of their graves.

2. Lazarus became alive.

What was Lazarus like when he came out of the grave?

There is a difference between the resurrection of Lazarus and the Christians.

Resurrection of Lazarus.	Resurrection of Christians.
1) He had the same body when he arose as when he died.	1) They will have different bodies, 1 Corinthians 15:53.
2) Lived on earth a short time longer.	2) They will not live in this world. They will live forever with God, 1 Thessalonians 4:17.
3) Someone had to open the grave to let Lazarus come out.	3) No one will have to open the graves, 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

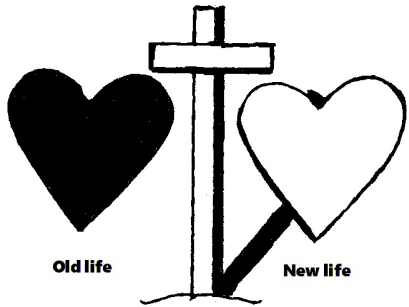
3. Lazarus was set free.

What was the third command Jesus gave?

John 11:44

Jesus told the people to take the grave clothes off Lazarus. There are some things we can do for ourselves. These He will not do for us. The people were to set Lazarus free from his grave clothes.





This gives us a picture of what happens when we trust Christ as our Savior. When we put our trust in Jesus, Jesus calls us to a new life. John 5:24 says we have passed from death unto life. We were dead in sin. Christ has made us alive. Now we must get rid of our old sinful ways.

What does Hebrews 12:1 tell us?

We cannot get rid of the sinful ways in our own strength. Jesus wants us to be free from the sinful ways, John 8:36. Jesus has set us free from the power of sin, Romans 6.

We, who are older Christians, should help the younger Christian to get rid of his sinful ways. How do we do this? We do it by teaching him the Word of God. We show him what sin is. We pray for him. We encourage him to stop sinning, 1 Thessalonians 5:14.

C. The results of the miracle, John 11:45-53.

1. Some believed, some rejected, John 11:45-46.

Some of the people believed because of the wonderful thing they saw happen. Other people did not want to believe. Their hearts were turned against Jesus. They told the religious leaders what Jesus did.

How true this is today. We will always find those who will not believe. They have seen God change lives in a wonderful way, but they will not believe.

2. Religious leaders were afraid of: John 11:47-53.

- a. **Losing the people.** The religious leaders were afraid Jesus would take the people away from them.
- b. **The Romans.** The religious leaders were afraid of the country which was ruling them. The Roman country was ruling Palestine. If Jesus tried to make Himself a king, the Roman soldiers would fight against them. Then the religious leaders could not keep their rule either.

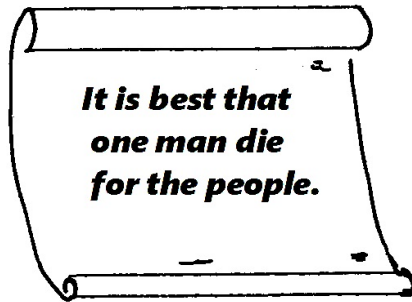
When the leaders brought Jesus to Pilate, they said that Jesus said He was a king, Luke 23:2. Pilate asked Jesus,

“Art thou the king of the Jews?” John 18:33.

However, what did Pilate say about it?

John 18:38

3. Caiaphas told of the death of Jesus.



***It is best that
one man die
for the people.***

What did Caiaphas say about Jesus?

John 11:50

Caiaphas thought if Jesus was put to death it would save the country from a fight with the Romans. However, God knew that Jesus would die to save the people from their sin, John 11:51,52.

What did the religious leaders want to do from then on?

John 11:53

The religious leaders had tried to find a way to kill Jesus. They had tried to trick Him with questions. They picked up stones but never used them. Now they all agreed together to kill Jesus.

**Whoever knows where Jesus is,
report it to the leaders.
The Pharisees.**

They made a new commandment or a law. What was this law?

John 11:57

D. Jesus at Ephraim, John 11:54-57.

We do not know if Jesus spent the day with Lazarus. Jesus did not stay where the religious leaders would find Him at night. He went to Ephraim which is near the wilderness.

It is believed that Jesus and His disciples stayed in Ephraim for a month. It was the last month He had alone with His disciples.

The Passover was near. Many people went to Jerusalem. They went early. They wondered if Jesus would be there.

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

1. Without Jesus we are dead in sin.
2. Jesus gives us eternal life.
3. Jesus can set us free from the power of sin.
4. Jesus knows all about our sorrows, therefore He can comfort us.

WORDS TO LEARN

1. encourage - to put heart into; to help along.
2. fellowship - two people who believe and enjoy the same things. They tell each other everything. Likeness of thought and feeling.
3. glorify - to lift up for others to praise.
4. glory - the shining greatness of God (New Life Testament); honor
5. grave - the graves in Palestine were caves cut into rocks. The bodies of dead people were laid on rock shelves. A large stone was put over the door. The grave is called a tomb.
6. ignorant - do not know about something.
7. messenger - one who gives a message or news.
8. react - to respond to an influence.
9. reaction - an action in return; a response to an action.
10. separate - to put things apart from other things; to put people apart from other people.

Lesson 12 - Review

Write the answers on the blanks.

1. The "I am" in chapter 11 is _____.
2. Lazarus was in the grave _____ days.
3. Jesus showed His sorrow when He _____.
4. Jesus called Lazarus by his name because _____.
5. Jesus called Lazarus from the dead. Some day Jesus will call all _____ from the dead.
6. Lazarus had the same body when he was resurrected. We will have _____ bodies when we are resurrected.
7. All people are born _____ to God because of _____.

8. Without Jesus we are _____ in sin.
9. Jesus gives us _____ life when we trust Him as Savior.
10. Jesus can set us _____ from the _____ of sin.
11. Jesus knows all about our _____ therefore He can _____ us.
12. What is an older Christian supposed to do for new Christians?

13. The religious leaders were afraid of
 - 1) _____ .
 - 2) _____ .
14. What did the religious leaders want to do to Jesus?

15. Write out John 11:25.

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