



**Sermon Title: "Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life" (Part 1)**

**Scripture: John 11:1-16**

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## **Introduction**

***John 10:18 -***

***Colossians 2:8-9 - "See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elementary principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily."***

***John 11:1-16 -***

## **A Brief Summary of the Miracles Recorded in this Book...**

1) John 2 - Jesus changes water into wine: Jesus purifies the filthy.

***John 2:11 - "This, the first of His signs, Jesus did in Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him."***

2) John 4 - Jesus heals with just a word: Jesus' words restore health and give life.

3) John 5 - On the Sabbath, Jesus heals a paralyzed man: Jesus is equal with the Father.

4) John 6 - Jesus creates (multiplies) loaves and fishes: Jesus is the Bread of Life.

5) John 9 - Jesus heals a man born blind: Jesus is the Light of the World.

6) John 11 - Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead: Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life.

7) John 18 - Jesus heals the ear of His enemy: Jesus is FULL of grace and truth.

Note: After this miracle, Jesus' public ministry would come to an end.

## I. Love that Let Lazarus Die

Note: Love is doing what is ultimately (and eternally!) best for someone.

1) **The Setting:** This situation involves Jesus' close, personal, beloved friends!

2) **The Summary:** This entire situation is not about Lazarus but is about the glory of God!

*John 9:2-3; Romans 8:18, 28 -*

*Psalm 63:3 - "Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You."*

3) **The Slowness:** Jesus delays because He loves Mary, Martha, and Lazarus!

Note: To love like Christ, we must be passionate about helping people know & see God's glory.

*Colossians 1:28 - "Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ."*

4) **The Steadfastness:** Jesus has perfect confidence in the plan & timing of God!

*Proverbs 29:25; Psalm 23:4; Psalm 56:3; 2 Corinthians 5:6-8 -*

5) **The Sadness:** The disciples (specifically Thomas) exhibit a pessimistic faith.

### Take Home Questions for Further Study & Reflection & Application...

1. Why did Jesus do so many miracles? What's the purpose of these miracles?
2. How would Jesus' public ministry change after raising Lazarus from the dead? Why?
3. How does Jesus show His love for Mary, Martha, Lazarus, and His disciples in this chapter? How do Jesus' actions challenge the way we usually think about love? What's the connection/relationship between love and the glory of God?
4. Why is Jesus not afraid to return to Judea? Why are the disciples afraid?
5. How should we address and overcome ungodly fear in our own lives?