



WEEK SEVEN

# RAISING LAZARUS

JOHN 11:1-47



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### **John 12:1-2a NIV**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor.

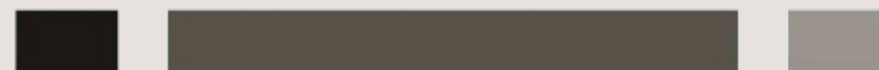


## **I Corinthians 2:9 NIV84**

“No eye has seen,  
no ear has heard,  
no mind has conceived  
what God has prepared for those who love him.”



# Good News/Bad News





**Bad News:**  
We are all going to die.

**Hebrews 9:27 ESV**  
“And just as it is appointed for man to die  
once, and after that comes judgment...”





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I am not afraid of dying. I just don't want to be there  
when it happens.

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## Good News:

In Christ, we have a title deed to the hope of resurrection!

### Hebrews 11:1 ESV

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”





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Oh, there is nothing terrible in death, for Jesus steps  
down into the grave before me and I have both  
peace and hope.

- HENRY FRANCIS LYTE



# Location



## John 10:40-42 NIV

Then Jesus went back across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing in the early days. There he stayed, <sup>41</sup> and many people came to him. They said, “Though John never performed a sign, all that John said about this man was true.”  
<sup>42</sup> And in that place many believed in Jesus.



# The Situation in Bethany



## John 11:1-3 NIV

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.  
<sup>2</sup> (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.”



# The Greater Purpose



## John 11:4 NIV

When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.”



# A Question of Timing & Time



## John 11:5-10 NIV

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.  
<sup>6</sup> So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, <sup>7</sup> and then he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.” <sup>8</sup> “But Rabbi,” they said, “a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?”  
<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world’s light. <sup>10</sup> It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.”



# The Decision



## John 11:11-15 NIV

After he had said this, he went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.” <sup>12</sup> His disciples replied, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.” <sup>13</sup> Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. <sup>14</sup> So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, <sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”



# The Doubter



## John 11:16 NIV

Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”





# Arrival in Bethany



## John 11:17-20 NIV

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.



# Martha’s Confidence



## John 11:21-24 NIV

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”  
<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”  
<sup>24</sup> Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”



# The Ultimate Question



## John 11:25-27 NIV

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup> “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”



# Mary & Martha



## John 11:28-30 NIV

After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.” <sup>29</sup> When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.



# The Importance of Community



## John 11:31 NIV

When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.



# Mary’s Worship



## John 11:32 NIV

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”



# Jesus Wept



## John 11:33-37 NIV

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup> “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”





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## John 11:38-39 NIV

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# The Prayer of Anticipation



## John 11:40-42 NIV

Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”



# The Resurrection



## John 11:43-44 NIV

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”



# The Turning Point



## John 11:45-47a NIV

Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. <sup>46</sup> But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup> Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin.