

**II. MANIFESTATIONS OF CHRIST'S POWER
IN PUBLIC MINISTRY
John 11**

**A. HOW JESUS RESPONDED TO HIS DISCIPLES CONCERNING LAZARUS' DEATH
(1:1-16)**

1. When Jesus heard the message that Lazarus was sick He said it was that He and His Father might be _____ (1-4).
2. After having heard, and even though Jesus loved Lazarus and his two sisters, He abode still _____ more days. Here we notice once again that everything Jesus did was in obedience to the Father's will and in keeping with a divine timetable (5,6).
3. Then Jesus proposed to His disciples that they might go to _____. But they questioned this course based on how the Jews had sought to stone Him when He had healed the blind man (7,8).
4. Jesus answered their fears by using a parable of a man walking during the daytime (9,10). As long as a man walked during the twelve hours of light he didn't need to worry about stumbling or accidental death. This meant there was no danger of His being killed as He walked in harmony with the Father's will.
5. Jesus then told His disciples that Lazarus was sleeping and that He would go and awaken him. Jesus was referring to Lazarus' _____ but His disciples thought He meant natural sleep (11-14).
6. Jesus told His disciple He was glad He had not been there at Bethany for their sakes that they might believe. Someone has said there is no record where anyone even died in the presence of Jesus. The Lord Jesus wanted their _____ to be strengthened and the miracle He would perform would do just that (15).
7. Thomas no doubt reasoned if Jesus went to Judea He would be killed. And if His disciples went with Him they also would be killed (16). His words were probably not words of optimism but they expressed personal loyalty and courage. He was willing to die alongside the Saviour.

B. HOW JESUS RESPONDED TO MARTHA AND MARY CONCERNING LAZARUS' DEATH (11:17-40)

1. When Jesus came to Bethany He found Lazarus had been dead _____ days and many comforters had gathered at Martha and Mary's house (17-19).
2. When Martha heard of Jesus' arrival she went to meet Him and demonstrated her faith

in Him in a two-fold way. First she said Lazarus would not have died had He been there. Secondly, she believed if Jesus asked the Father He would grant His will (20-22).

3. Jesus responded to Martha's words by saying that Lazarus would rise again (23). Martha said she knew he would one day rise again at the last day. Jesus then declared Himself to be the _____ and the life. He took the O.T. promise from the book and put it into His person. Here is an important principle to see. Although we are thankful for what the Bible teaches and promises us, we need to understand that our salvation from beginning to end is bound up in the Person of Jesus Christ (25-26).
4. When Jesus asked Martha if she believed what He said, she affirmed her faith in Him and went and called her sister (27,28).
5. When Mary went out to meet Jesus some of the Jews thought she was going to the grave of Lazarus and they followed her (29-31).
6. Mary said the same thing to Jesus that Martha had said. When Jesus saw her weeping along with the others He asked where Lazarus was laid, and began to weep also (32-35).
7. When Jesus commanded the stone to be taken away, Mary replied that Lazarus had been dead four days and would be stinking by then. Jesus' response to Mary was to bring her also to a deeper _____ in Him (36-40).

C. HOW JESUS RESPONDED PUBLICALLY TO THE JEWS CONCERNING LAZARUS' DEATH (11:41-44)

1. Jesus, first of all, prayed publicly so that the Jews present might believe that the Father had sent _____. Then He called Lazarus to come forth (41-43).
2. Lazarus responded to the _____ of Jesus and came forth bound with grave clothes.
And Jesus commanded those present to loose him and let him go (44). Note the layout of the traditional sight of Lazarus' tomb.

D. HOW THE JEWS RESPONDED TO THE MIRACLE WHICH JESUS WROUGHT (11:45-53)

1. As a result of this miracle many of the Jews _____ on Jesus (45).
2. But others went and told the Pharisees who gathered with the chief priests to take counsel against Jesus to put Him to _____ (46-53).

E. HOW JESUS RESPONDED TO THE PLANS OF THE JEWISH LEADERS (11:54-57)

1. Jesus ceased to walk _____ and departed to a city called Ephraim (54).
2. Then the Jewish leaders gave a commandment to all those preparing for the Passover at Jerusalem that they should be informed if anyone knew where Jesus was (55-57).

QUESTIONS WHICH APPLY TO OUR LIVES

(1) What lesson do we learn about sicknesses which are evidenced in this account (11:3)?

(2) What is the idea indicated in verse 11:15 concerning the disciples' belief ?

(3) What lessons do we learn from the fact that Jesus wept over Lazarus (11:35)?

(4) What does the raising of Lazarus illustrate?

(5) Name the two other occasions on which Jesus wept. _____

(6) What was the two-fold result of Lazarus being raised by Jesus (11:45,46)? _____

(7) What lesson is there for us in verse 44 about service ? _____

(8) What principle do we find illustrated in verse 40? _____

(9) What principle is illustrated in what Jesus said in verses 9, 10? _____

(10) What significance is there in the 4 days that Lazarus was dead which we may apply to our lives? _____

EXPOSITORY NOTES

11:11-13 Notice the Lord Jesus compared death for a believer to sleep (Acts 7:60); I Cor. 15:51; I Thess. 4:13-18)

11:17,18 It was a day's journey from Bethabara where Jesus was to Bethany. Lazarus must have died right after the messengers left to find Jesus. Then after Jesus had heard He remained in Bethabara for two more days. Then He departed to Bethany which took another day. This explains the four days that Lazarus was in the grave.

11:43,44 Notice the raising of Lazarus from the dead was a resuscitation and cannot be classified as a resurrection because Lazarus was returned to his former state before his illness. In this process, his state of decay was reversed and his body was revitalized but he did not receive immortality which means "alive to die no more." Lazarus later died again.