



**ANYTHING
IS POSSIBLE**

Jesus
Raises
Lazarus



The Main Idea

You don't have to do the things you used to do because you are not the person that you used to be.

The old you is dead.

The new you is alive in Christ.

John 11:1-6 (ESV)

1 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." 4 But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

John 11:1-6 (ESV)

5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

OUR
FRIEND
JESUS



Our Friend Jesus

- Jesus had refrigerator rights in Lazarus' house
- Jesus loves us & still allows us to face trials (5 reasons)
- Our first response should be to take our needs to Jesus
- God uses all our struggles for His glory according to His timing
 - Two days delay for Lazarus
 - Never early or late

John 11:11-15 (ESV)

11 After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” 12 The disciples 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 meant taking rest in sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, 15 and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

LAZARUS
IS DEAD AND
I AM GLAD



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Lazarus is Dead & Jesus is Glad

- God's glory is displayed "through" Lazarus' death
- Jesus leads us through our "valley of the shadow of death" (Psalm 23:4)
- Jesus has "got this"
- Jesus will bless us or break us to draw us to Him

John 11:18-22 (ESV)

18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. 20 So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. 21 Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”

John 11:32-36 (ESV)

32 Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. 34 And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” 35 Jesus wept. 36 So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

A photograph of a beach at sunset. In the foreground, a bonfire of driftwood is burning brightly on a rocky shore. The middle ground shows waves breaking on a sandy beach. The background is a vast ocean under a sky filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of blue, orange, and pink. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Jesus

MEETS US WHERE WE ARE

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- Jesus gives us what we need
- Spiritually exhausted – “my God, my God why have you forsaken me?” (Psalm 22:1)
- We can cast our cares upon Jesus
- He grieves with us – He is compassionate
- He offers eternal life
- He is our “prototype”

John 11:38-44 (ESV)

38 Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.

John 11:38-44 (ESV)

42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” 43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”



**Take Ye
Away
The Stone**
John 11:39

Take Away the Stone

- We need to trust God & act on our beliefs
- “Take off our grave clothes” –Things that trap us in our old nature
- God partners with us to accomplish miracles

Questions

- Was there ever a time when God let you go through pain for His purpose & your benefit?
- What does Jesus' response to the questioning of Martha & Mary about His timing tell us about our questioning God?
- What stone is God asking you to roll away that you aren't because you are afraid it might be stinky?
- What grave clothes do you need to remove?

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