

## Lesson 77: John 11:28-44

1. Chapter 11 Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

2. John 11:28-44: The Resurrection of Lazarus:

a. What piece of the spiritual puzzle can we discover from the resurrection of Lazarus?

1) The most difficult and certainly the most painful event we face is the death of a \_\_\_\_\_.

2) *Read* verses 33-36.

3) It is wonderful to know that we have a Lord that feels our \_\_\_\_\_ and is not ashamed or averse to \_\_\_\_\_ in it with us. *Read* Hebrews 4:15-16.

b. The first reason why John was inspired to choose this miracle is because Jesus uses it to help us \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ concerning the death of a \_\_\_\_\_.

1) *Read* Matthew 5:4. How can the word blessed, which means \_\_\_\_\_, and the word mourn, which means to feel or express \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ for a person's \_\_\_\_\_, be contained in the same sentence?

2) The answer to this question is found in verse 25 of this chapter:

a) *Read* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

b) Jesus is “the \_\_\_\_\_” to “the \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ”, and He is “the \_\_\_\_\_” to all those who are \_\_\_\_\_ in Him.

c) We mourn our \_\_\_\_\_, but we are also \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by the knowledge that one-day we will be \_\_\_\_\_ with our believing loved ones.

d) The example of King David – *Read* 2 Samuel 12:22-23.

e) Therefore, depending on the spiritual condition of the person who died there will be two types of mourners grieving the loss:

1] If the person who died was a believer then \_\_\_\_\_ mourners will surround the deceased.

2] Else, the event will be veiled with a mood of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ and will be void of \_\_\_\_\_, especially to those who are believers and understand the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the deceased.

c. The second reason John was inspired to include this miracle is because it \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus has the power to back up His statement contained in verse 25.

1) How long had Lazarus been dead? How long had Jairus' daughter and the widow's son been dead?

2) Why does death stink?

a) Since death is the result of \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 5:12), it "stinketh" because \_\_\_\_\_ stinketh (Psalm 38:3-5, Proverbs 13:5).

b) God hates the smell of \_\_\_\_\_ so much that He sent His Son to provide us with the only means for \_\_\_\_\_ away our \_\_\_\_\_ and its \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 2:15-16).

3) After having the stone covering the entrance to Lazarus' tomb rolled away, why does Jesus look up to heaven and pray to the Father?

a) Jesus is insuring that both the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ by what is about to happen. Why did He allow Lazarus to become ill and die in the first place?

b) His prayer combined with the miracle that follows unmistakably establishes \_\_\_\_\_ He \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

d. John was inspired to choose this miracle because it is an awesome demonstration that Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ for all those that \_\_\_\_\_ in Him because **He is the \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_**.

1) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ sin and death \_\_\_\_\_ when He allowed His precious blood to be shed on the cross. *Read 1 Corinthians 15:55-57.*

2) Christians should not perceive the death of fellow believers as a \_\_\_\_\_, but rather as a glorious \_\_\_\_\_. *Read Psalm 116:15.*

e. Why did Jesus not help in dislodging the stone covering the entrance to Lazarus' tomb, or personally help remove any of Lazarus' graveclothes?

1) Jesus will do what only \_\_\_\_\_, but He will not do what \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Jesus expects His followers to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, but only Jesus, as He states in verse 25, can transform death into eternal life.

**3. Homework:** Study John 11:45-57 and determine how John concludes the first part of the Gospel.