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The Death and Resurrection of Lazarus

1. The Problem

- ^{NAS} **John 11:1** Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² And it was the Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. ³ The sisters therefore sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." ... ¹⁴ Then Jesus therefore said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead ... ²¹ Martha therefore said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died... ³² Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." ... ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of him who was blind, have kept this man also from dying?"

The Sovereignty of the Lord

- ^{NAS} **John 11:4** But when Jesus heard it, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified by it." ...⁶ When therefore He heard that he was sick, He stayed then two days longer in the place where He was... ¹²The disciples therefore 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 was speaking of literal sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus therefore said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe; but let us go to him." ... ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 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."

The Compassion of the Lord

- ^{NAS} **John 11:32** Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her, also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit, and was troubled, ³⁴ and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ And so the Jews were saying, "Behold how He loved him!"

2. The Promise

- ^{NAS} **John 11:11** This He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, that I may awaken him out of sleep." ... ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother shall rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die..." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you, if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

3. The Provision

- ^{NAS} **John 11:38** Jesus therefore again being deeply moved within, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days." ... ⁴³ And when He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." ⁴⁴ He who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings; and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go.

4. The Result

- ^{NAS} **John 11:27** She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world." ... ⁴⁵ Many therefore of the Jews, who had come to Mary and beheld what He had done, believed in Him.



Applications

The Lord is Compassionate

- **NAS James 1:2** Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴ And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
- **ESV Hebrews 7:25** Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.
- **NAS Hebrews 4:15** For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

The Lord is Faithful

- **NAS 1 Corinthians 1:9** God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord... ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.
- **NAS 2 Corinthians 1:20** For as many as may be the promises of God, in Him they are yes; wherefore also by Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.
- **NAS 1 Thessalonians 5:24** Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.



Conclusions

Death Has No Lasting Power

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- ^{NAS} **1 Thessalonians 4:13** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope.
- ^{NAS} **1 Corinthians 15:55** "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; ⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Resurrection Life Begins Now

- ^{NAS} **Ephesians 2:5** even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- ^{NAS} **Ephesians 5:13** But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. ¹⁴ For this reason it says, "Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you." ¹⁵ Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

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Resurrection Power

You called me from the grave by name
You called me out of all my shame
I see the old has passed away
The new has come!

Now I have resurrection power
Living on the inside
Jesus, You have given us freedom
No longer bound by sin and darkness
Living in the light of Your goodness
You have given us freedom