

The Raising of Lazarus
John 11:1-44



Jesus across the Jordan (1-16)

1. What do we know about Mary and Martha?
2. What is Jesus' response after he hears about Lazarus?
3. What is the response of the disciples?
4. How does Jesus talk about death?
 - a. Believers: 1 Cor 15:6, 20; 1 Th 4:13
 - b. Unbelievers: Psalm 95; Rich man and Lazarus
5. Is Thomas saying they will go die with Jesus or is he saying they will die with Lazarus not believing Jesus will raise him from the dead?

Jesus outside the tomb (17-37)

1. Who comes first to meet Jesus? Is this surprising? What is her response when she sees him?
2. How do we see Martha's faith? How do we see that it is also inadequate?

3. What is Jesus' response to Martha?
4. "The cemetery or burial ground does not indicate a heap of the dead, but a field full of kernels, known as God's kernels, which will verdantly blossom forth again and grow more beautifully than can be imagined" (Luther AE 28:178)
5. Jesus says those who believe in him "shall never die". What does he mean by this since we know faithful people die?
6. In verse 28 in Greek Martha calls Mary secretly not privately.
7. How is Mary's response similar? How is it different?
8. How do we mourn?

Jesus at the tomb (38-44)

1. What was Martha's response to Jesus telling them to roll away the stone?
2. Why did Jesus pray?
3. How did Jesus raise Lazarus? Why is this significant?
4. How is Lazarus after Jesus resurrected him?

The aftermath (45-57; 12:9)

1. How did the Jews react when they saw what happened?
2. Why were the chief priests, the Pharisees, and the Council want to get rid of Jesus?
3. What did Caiaphas prophesy?
4. What did they want to do with Lazarus (12:9)?
5. Right after this we enter Holy Week. Jesus concludes His ministry with "I am the resurrection and the life" as He then goes to the grave before us and then raises conquering the grave for us. So, that we too may have life though we die.