

## “Who is Jesus?”: Glorified John 11:1-16

### Introduction:

- Read **John 11:1-44**

### THE ACCOUNT

- A) The People (**vv.1-2**)
  - a. Lazarus
    - i. Mary’s brother
    - ii. From Bethany (**v.18**)
    - iii. Luke 16 (different Lazarus – remained in grave)
    - iv. Name is a contraction in Hebrew meaning “assistance of God” or “helped by God” – abbreviation of Eleazar (who faithfully served for 20 years in charge of the sanctuary in the temple, with particular responsibility over the ark of the covenant)
  - b. Mary (**Luke 10:38-40**)
  - c. Martha
- B) The Plot (**vv.3-4**)
  - a. Lazarus is sick and dying
  - b. Jesus says it does not lead to death
    - i. “To sleep” is a common phrase in OT ref. death
    - ii. Meaning here is that death is not the purpose of his illness
  - c. God’s glory is why Lazarus was ill
    - i. This must color everything
    - ii. **John 9:3**, “*Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.”*”
- C) The Plan (**vv.5-16**)

- a. Starts with Divine Love
- b. Develops in Community
  - i. Curious patience
    - 1. He loves them
    - 2. His love drives him to remain where He is and NOT go to Lazarus?
    - 3. **A.W. Pink**, “*The darker the night, the more manifest the light which illuminates it. The more the depravity and enmity of Israel were exhibited, the brighter the testimony which God caused to be borne to the glory of His Son.*”
  - ii. Continually teaching (gospel is central, all the while Lazarus is dying) – Mainly on trust
    - 1. In a relatively safe place near the Jordan
    - 2. Would be increasingly in harm’s way – back toward Jerusalem
    - 3. 12 Hours a day (time enough – Hebrew understanding of God’s rule) – He rules time who is outside of it!
    - 4. **John 12:23**, “*And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.”*”
    - 5. Focus on Christ – Helps us see the nature of authentic disciples
- c. Continues in Difficulty
  - i. Misunderstanding of the disciples
  - ii. Miracle in the making (**vv.14-15**)
  - iii. Putting it together (**v.16**) -

### THE DOCTRINE

- Could mention something here about the Council of Constantinople (381) & Council of Ephesus (431) leading to Council of Chalcedon (451) in dealing with the relationship of Christ’s humanity and divinity.

- A) Christology
  - a. Glorified
    - i. V.4
    - ii. All details flow from this
    - iii. Nature of Evil & Suffering
  - b. Displays of Humanity
    - i. His compassion
    - ii. His love (**v.3** – phileo)
    - iii. His felt patience
    - iv. His rest
  - c. Displays of Divinity
    - i. His compassion
    - ii. His love (**v.5** – agapeo)
    - iii. His felt patience
    - iv. His rest
    - v. His knowledge
    - vi. His power
  
- B) Sovereignty
  - a. In Suffering
    - i. Design of Illness (always His glory / not always because of His displeasure)
    - ii. Death itself (held the keys even before resurrection)
  - b. In Salvation
    - i. Physically
    - ii. Spiritually
    - iii. Sovereignty & Free Will on display
  
- C) Soteriology
  - a. Center of Miracles (**John 20:30-31**, *“30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”*)
  - b. Greater than Miracles
  - c. Reality is in the walk (**vv.9-10**)
  - d. The Picture...
    - i. We are created by God
    - ii. We are born with a death sentence

- iii. In sin we’ve died
- iv. He sovereignly calls us out
- v. Dead men don’t walk (made alive)
- vi. Resurrection & Life (**John 11:25-27**, **Rom.10:9-10**)
- vii. Gratitude

## THE APPLICATION

- A) Trust in Christ
  - a. He is Sovereign
  - b. He has a Plan
  - c. His ways are beyond our own (figurin’)
  - d. Follow the Light of the World (could even die then)
  - e. Until we treasure Christ above all things (including our sicknesses, we will not find Him to be all-satisfying)
  - f. **THOSE SICK – LET’S PRAY THAT GOD BE GLORIFIED**
  
- B) Grieve with Christ
  - a. Must be feeling
  - b. Trust His Plan while feeling pain in the process
  - c. Not as those who have no hope (worst case scenario)
  - d. **LET US PRAY NOW THAT WE MAY HAVE BROKEN AND CONTRITE HEARTS**
  
- C) Remember that You are Not Christ
  - a. He is Infinite...We are Finite
  - b. He is Sovereign...We are Severely limited
  - c. He is Creator...We are Creature
  - d. He is I AM...We are NOT
  - e. **ARE YOU HEARING THAT VOICE OUT OF YOUR GRAVE OF SIN AND DO YOU SENSE HE’S BRINING YOU TO LIFE? COME AND PRAY!**