

LAZARUS COME FORTH

JOHN 11

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Introduction:

We have here in our text an amazing story. There are a number of messages and thoughts that could be delivered, but I would like to zero in on one.

1. COMPREHENSION OF THE SAVIOUR (VS. 4)

John 11:4

⁴ When Jesus heard *that*, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

- A. The Lord knows all.

- B. The Lord knows what is best.

2. CONCERN OF THE SAVIOUR (VS. 33,35)

John 11:33

³³ When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

John 11:35

³⁵ Jesus wept.

A. The Lord is touched by our hurt

Hebrews 4:15

¹⁵ For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin.

3. COMMAND OF THE SAVIOUR (VS. 39)

John 11:39

³⁹ Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been *dead* four days.

A. I believe this is a picture of things that hinder salvation.

B. We too need to remove the stones.

Romans 14:13

¹³ Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.

1 Corinthians 8:9

⁹ But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.

4. CALL OF THE SAVIOUR (VS. 43-44)

John 11:43-44

⁴³ And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. ⁴⁴ And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

- A. Call of salvation.
- B. Call of service.
- C. Call of soul winning
- D. Call of separation.

Close:

The Lord is still calling today.

- Calling for salvation
- Calling to service
- Calling to soul winning
- Calling for separation