

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes

Chapter 11 PT. 2: Jesus' Authority Over Death - Lazarus

John 11:28-46

Introduction:

We are picking up where Martha leaves off. Martha has made her confession of faith to the Lord and now we hear from Mary.

Jesus' Authority Over Death

Verses 28-29

John 11:28-29 (NASB) - ²⁸ When she had said this, she left and called Mary her sister, **saying secretly, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."** ²⁹ And when she heard *this*, she got up quickly and came to Him.



- Mary reminds me of when Peter ran away (**Mark 16:7**).
- Jesus responded the same way; He called them both to Him by name.
- The Lord draws close to the hurting personally.

Psalm 34:18-19 (NASB) – ¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted And saves those who are crushed in spirit. ¹⁹ The afflictions of the righteous are many, But the LORD rescues him from them all.

Note: In Verse 28, pay attention to “*saying secretly*”. Why secretly? Scripture tells us.

Verses 30-31

John 11:30-31 (NASB) - ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still at the place where Martha met Him. ³¹ Then **the Jews** who were with her in the house and were consoling her, when they saw that Mary had gotten up quickly and left, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.



Verses 32-34

John 11:32-34 (NASB) - ³² So when Mary came *to the place* 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 Therefore when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her *also* weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled, ³⁴ and He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.”

Understanding: Mary is overwhelmed with grief. We must remember in these times of great sorrow, Yeshua knows and He cares. But even in her grief she still bowed down at His feet as a great act of humility.

- Jesus asked, “Where have you laid him?”; not because He did not know, but continued to walk and operate as a man.

Verse 35

John 11:35 (NASB) - ³⁵ Jesus wept.



Wept-(Greek)-*dakryo*-to shed tears.

Key: Jesus gave proof of His humanity before proving His Divinity.

- According to scripture, “Jesus Himself was a man of sorrows”.
- He was a man who was despised and was rejected.
- He was also acquainted with grief (**Isaiah 53:3**).
- It is our tears He understands the most and comes close.

Verse 36-37

John 11:36-37 (NASB) - ³⁶ So the Jews were saying, “See how He loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could this Man, who opened the eyes of the man who was blind, not have also kept this man from dying?”

Key: Never forget who we are truly dealing with and who is working through those who hate Jesus.

Revelation 12:19 (AMP) – ¹⁹ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom (dominion, reign) of our God, and the authority of His Christ have come; for the accuser of our [believing] brothers

and sisters has been thrown down [at last], he who accuses them *and* keeps bringing charges [of sinful behavior] against them before our God day and night.

Ephesians 6:12 (AMP) – ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) *places*.

- We must remember who we are truly fighting against.
- We are not just contending with physical enemies.
- We must get a revelation of who we are truly fighting and fight in the spirit.
- Many are going to be opened to be used by the Accuser.
- Many will be deceived into hatred.



Jesus Raises Lazarus From The Dead

Verse 38-40

John 11:38-40 (NASB) - ³⁸ So Jesus, 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.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “**Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?**”

Key: Jesus is Merciful when Mercy is most needed. He continues to remind Martha, the one that states in **Verse 27**, “**I have come to believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God**”.

- Jesus knows that just because your faith is strong in some areas does not mean it is in all.
- Just as He did in **Mark 9:24**, when a desperate father cried out to Him.

Mark 9:21-24 (NASB) - ²¹And He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²²It has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to kill him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!” ²³But Jesus said to him, “‘If You can?’ All things are possible for the one who believes.” ²⁴Immediately the boy’s father cried out and said, “**I do believe; help my unbelief!**”

Verse 41-42

John 11:41-42 (NASB) – ⁴¹So they removed the stone. **And Jesus raised His eyes, and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴²But I knew that You always hear Me; nevertheless, because of the people standing around I said *it*, so that they may believe that You sent Me.”**



- Jesus is showing how a simple prayer of faith can bring back anything that has died.
- Jesus’ confidence in His Father is sure and He makes it very clear.
- He is not thanking the Father, not for Himself, but for what He is doing so that others can believe.
- We, too, have the same access to the Father to request a Miracle like Jesus did.
- Some have even been given the Gift of Miracles by the power of Holy Spirit (**1 Corinthians 12:10**).

Verse 43-44

John 11:43-44 (NASB) - ⁴³ And when He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ Out came the man who had died, 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.”



- Lazarus raised from the grip of death like waking up from a nap!
- Jesus only needs to speak the word, and life overcame death.
- He called Lazarus, and Lazarus obeyed.
- Death lost its grip in the face of the authority of the Father.
- Jesus shows He has authority over death even before He died!

Verse 45-46

John 11:45-46 (NASB) - ⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary, and saw what He had done, believed in Him. ⁴⁶ But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them the things which Jesus had done.

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