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Jesus Raises Lazarus (John 11:1-57)

Lazarus Dies. (11:1-16)

1	<p>Now a certain man was sick,          = Lazarus of Bethany,          = the village of Mary and her sister Martha.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Setting: In Bethany</li> <li>▪ Characters: Lazarus, Mary &amp; Martha</li> <li>▪ See Luke 10:38-42.</li> <li>▪ Tension: Lazarus is ill.</li> </ul>
2	<p>(Now it was Mary          ▪ the one who anointed the Lord with ointment          ▪ and wiped his feet with her hair,          whose brother Lazarus was sick.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ See John 12:1-8 ; Luke 7:37-50.</li> </ul>
3	<p>So the sisters sent to him,          saying,          “Lord, look!          The one whom you love<sub>v1</sub> is sick.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ So: inferential (i.e. therefore, consequently) and/or transitional (now, then)</li> <li>▪ Love: phileo</li> <li>▪ Sisters sent for Jesus.</li> </ul>
4	<p>But when Jesus heard [this]          he said,          (x) “This sickness does not lead to death,          (y) but to the glory of God,          so that the Son of God may be glorified          through it.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
5	<p>(Now Jesus loved<sub>v2</sub> Martha and her sister and Lazarus.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Love: agape</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
6	<p>So when he heard          that [Lazarus] was sick,          he then remained two days in the place where he was.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Trust that God has a plan.</li> </ul>
7	<p>Then after this he said to the disciples,          “Let us go to Judea again.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>

11	<p>After <b>saying</b> these things,  <b>he said</b> to them,                  (x) “Our friend Lazarus <b>has fallen asleep</b>,                  (y) <b>but I go</b>                      <b>that I might awaken him.</b>”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Friend: philos (loving)</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
12	<p><b>So</b> the disciples <b>said</b> to him,                  “Lord,                      <b>if he has fallen asleep</b>,                      <b>he will be made well.</b>”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ See 11:2-3 (Lazarus was sick.)</li> </ul>
13	<p>(x) (Now Jesus <b>had spoken</b> of his <b>death</b>,                  (y) <b>but they thought</b>                      <b>that he was speaking</b> of natural <b>sleep</b>.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sleep: figure of speech for death; emphasizes the hope of the resurrection</li> <li>▪ Death: see 11:4.</li> </ul>
14	<p><b>So</b> then Jesus <b>spoke to</b> them plainly,                  “Lazarus <b>died</b>,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
15	<p><b>and for your sake I am glad</b>                      <b>that I was not there</b>,                      <b>so that you may believe.</b>                  But <b>let us go</b> to him.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Go: see John 11:7, 15, 16.</li> <li>▪ Glad: to rejoice, be glad</li> </ul>

Jesus is the Resurrection. (11:17-27)

17	<p><b>So when</b> Jesus <b>came</b>,  <b>he found</b> that Lazarus <b>had</b> <b>already been</b>  in the <b>tomb</b> four days.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Setting: four days after Lazarus was buried.</li> </ul>
18	<p>(<b>Now</b> Bethany <b>was</b> near Jerusalem,  <b>about</b> two miles off,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 15 <i>stadia</i>; a <i>stadium</i> was 607 feet (15 x 607' / 5,280' = 1.7 miles)</li> </ul>
19	<p>and many of the Jews <b>had come</b> to Martha and Mary  to <b>console</b> them concerning their brother.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
20	<p><b>So when</b> Martha <b>heard</b>  that Jesus <b>was coming</b>,  (x) <b>she went to meet</b> him,  (y) <b>but</b> Mary <b>was sitting</b> in the house.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contrast?</li> </ul>
21	<p><b>So</b> Martha <b>said</b> to Jesus,  “Lord,  <b>if you had been</b> here,  my brother <b>would not have died</b>.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Faith or complaint?</li> </ul>
22	<p>Even now <b>I know</b>  that <b>whatever</b> you might ask from God,  God <b>will give</b> you.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
23	<p>Jesus <b>said</b> to her,  “Your brother <b>will rise</b>.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rise: [1] to rise, stand up, get up; [2] to rise from the dead, bring to life</li> </ul>
24	<p>Martha <b>said</b> to him,  “<b>I know</b>  that <b>he will rise</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ in the <b>rising of the dead</b></li> <li>▪ in the <b>last</b> day.”</li> </ul> </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Resurrection: [1] a rising; [2] resurrection of the dead; coming back to life after having died</li> <li>▪ See John 5:29: resurrection of life &amp; resurrection of judgment</li> </ul>

<p>25</p>	<p>Jesus said to her,          “I AM          ▪ the rising of the dead          ▪ and the life.          (a) The one who believes in me will live,          even if he dies,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This is the fourth of seven “I am” statements in John’s gospel.</li> </ul>
<p>26a</p>	<p>(b) and everyone          ▪ who lives          ▪ and believes in me          (b) will absolutely not die to forever.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No not: double negative is emphatic in Greek.</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<p>26b</p>	<p>Do you believe this?”</p>	
<p>27</p>	<p>She said to him,          “Yes,          Lord;          I believe          that you are          ▪ the Christ,          ▪ the Son of God,          ▪ the one coming into the world.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>

Jesus Weeps. (11:28-37)

28	<p>After saying this,  <b>she left</b>          and <b>called</b> her sister <b>Mary</b>,          saying <b>privately</b>,          “The Teacher <b>is here</b>          and <b>is calling</b> for you.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
29	<p>Now <b>when she heard</b> that,          (a) <b>she rose</b><sub>v2</sub> quickly          (b) and <b>went</b> to him.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ See John 11:20 for Martha’s response.</li> </ul>
30	<p>(x) (Now Jesus <b>had not yet come</b> into the village,          (y) but <b>was still</b> in the <b>place</b>  <b>where</b> Martha <b>had met</b> him.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
31	<p><b>So</b> the Jews  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>who were</b> with her in the house,</li> <li>▪ and <b>consoling</b> her,</li> </ul>         when they <b>saw</b> that <b>Mary</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>rose</b> quickly</li> <li>▪ and <b>went out</b>,</li> </ul>         they followed her,          supposing that <b>she was going</b> to the <b>tomb</b>          that she might <b>weep</b> there.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mary went out.</li> </ul>
32	<p><b>So when</b> <b>Mary came</b>          to <b>where</b> Jesus <b>was</b>          and <b>seeing</b> him,  <b>she fell</b> at his <b>feet</b>,          saying to him,          “Lord,          if you had been here,          my brother <b>would not have died</b>.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ See John 11:21 for Martha’s response.</li> <li>▪ Feet: see John 11:2, 12:3 (2x).</li> <li>▪ Faith or complaint?</li> </ul>

33	<p><b>So when</b> Jesus <b>saw</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ her <b>weeping</b>,</li> <li>▪ <b>and</b> the Jews <b>who came with her weeping</b>,</li> </ul> <p>(a) <b>he was deeply moved</b> in spirit</p> <p>(b) <b>and was himself</b> troubled.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deeply moved: [1] to be indignant, warn sternly; [2] to be deeply moved, groan (i.e. intense agitation); [3] to scold, reproach; see John 11:38. NAB: “He snorted in spirit.”</li> </ul>
34a	<p>(c) <b>And he said</b>,</p> <p>“<b>Where have you put him?</b>”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Troubled: to stir up, disturb, trouble; agitate; see John 5:7; 11:33; 12:27; 13:21; 14:1, 17.</li> </ul>
34b	<p><b>They said</b> to him,</p> <p>“<b>Lord,</b></p> <p><b>come</b></p> <p><b>and see.</b>”</p>	
35	<p>Jesus <b>wept</b>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Why?</li> </ul>
36	<p>(x) <b>So</b> the Jews <b>said</b>,</p> <p>“<b>See how he loved</b> him!”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Love: phileo; see John 11:3.</li> </ul>
37	<p>(y) <b>But</b> some of them <b>said</b>,</p> <p>“<b>Was not he able</b>,</p> <p><b>he who opened</b> the eyes of the blind man,</p> <p><b>to do</b> [something]</p> <p><b>so that</b> this man <b>also might not have died?</b>”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Faith or complaint?</li> </ul>



Jesus Raises Lazarus. (11:38-44)

38	<p>So Jesus, again <b>deeply moved</b> in <b>himself</b>, <b>came</b> to the <b>tomb</b>.</p> <p>Now <b>it was</b> a cave, and a <b>stone lay</b> against it.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See John 11:33.</li> </ul>
39	<p>Jesus <b>said</b>, “<b>Lift away</b> the <b>stone</b>.”</p> <p>Martha, the sister of the <b>one who had died</b>, <b>said</b> to him, “Lord, <b>there will be an odor</b> already, <b>for it is</b> the <b>fourth day</b>.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See John 11:17: already in the tomb for four days.</li> </ul>
40	<p>Jesus <b>said</b> to her, “<b>Did I not tell</b> you that <b>if you believed</b> you would <b>see</b> the <b>glory</b> of <b>God</b>?”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Believe: see John 11:15; 25, 26 (2x), 27, 40, 42, 45, 48.</li> <li>Glory: see John 11:4.</li> </ul>
41	<p><b>So they lifted away</b> the <b>stone</b>. And Jesus <b>lifted up</b> his eyes and <b>said</b>, “Father, <b>I thank you</b> that <b>you have heard</b> me.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
42	<p>(x) <b>I knew</b> that <b>you always hear</b> me, (y) <b>but I said</b> [<i>this</i>] because of the crowd <b>standing around</b>, so that <b>they may believe</b> that <b>you sent</b> me.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Father sent the Son. See also John 11:42.</li> </ul>
43	<p>And <b>after he said</b> these things, <b>he cried out</b> with a loud voice, “Lazarus, <b>come out</b>.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>



43	<p>And after he said these things,  he cried out with a loud voice,  “Lazarus,  come out.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
44	<p>The one who had died came out,  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ his hands and feet bound with linen strips,</li> <li>▪ and his face wrapped with a face cloth.</li> </ul> <p>Jesus said to them,  “Unwrap him,  and allow him to go.”</p> </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lazarus came out.</li> <li>▪ Linen strips: grave clothes</li> </ul>

Jews Seek to Kill Jesus. (11:45-57)

45	<p>(x) So many of the Jews,  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ who had come with Mary</li> <li>▪ and had watched what he had done,</li> </ul> (x) believed in him,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ See John 11:25-26.</li> </ul>
46	<p>(y) but some of them left for the Pharisees  (z) and told them what Jesus had done.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Two responses to Jesus.</li> </ul>



Do You Believe This? (11:25-26)

25	<p>Jesus said to her,  “<b>I AM</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ the rising of the dead</li> <li>▪ and the life.</li> </ul> (a) The one who believes in me will live,  even if he dies,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This is the fourth of seven “I am” statements in John’s gospel.</li> </ul>
26a	<p>(b) and everyone  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ who lives</li> <li>▪ and believes in me</li> </ul> (b) will absolutely not die to forever.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No not: double negative is emphatic in Greek.</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
26b	<p>Do you believe this?”</p>	

Grieve with Hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

<p>13</p>	<p>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers [<i>and sisters</i>], about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve like the remaining ones<sub>a1</sub> = those having no hope.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sleep: present tense; figure of speech for death.</li> </ul>
<p>14</p>	<p>For if we believe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ that Jesus died<sub>v1</sub></li> <li>▪ and rose to life,</li> </ul> <p>even so [we believe] God will bring with him, those who fell asleep through Jesus.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sleep: aorist tense</li> <li>▪ NET: It is possible that “through Jesus” describes “will bring.” However, it more likely describes these “falling sleep.”</li> <li>▪ God brings the dead with Jesus.</li> <li>▪ Died, rose, &amp; will return.</li> </ul>
<p>15</p>	<p>For this we declare to you by a word of the Lord, that we</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>= those living,</li> <li>= those remaining<sub>v2</sub> until the coming of the Lord,</li> </ul> <p>will absolutely not precede those who fell asleep.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<p>16</p>	<p>(a) For the Lord himself will descend from heaven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ with a shouted command,</li> <li>▪ with the voice of a chief angel,</li> <li>▪ and with the trumpet of God,</li> </ul> <p>(b) and the dead<sub>n2</sub> in Christ will rise to life first.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ “in Christ” (4:16) ~ “through Jesus” (4:14)</li> </ul>
<p>17</p>	<p>(c) Then we—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>= those living,</li> <li>= those remaining<sub>v2</sub></li> </ul> <p>(c) will be snatched up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ together with them</li> <li>▪ in the clouds</li> <li>▪ to a meeting of the Lord in the air.</li> </ul> <p>(d) And so we will always be with the Lord.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<p>18</p>	<p>Therefore encourage one another with these words.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>

God Dwells with Us (Revelation 21:1-7)

<p>1</p>	<p>(1) Then <b>I saw</b>                  (a) a <b>new heaven</b>                  (b) and a <b>new earth</b>.</p> <p>(a) For the <b>first heaven</b>                  (b) and the <b>first earth</b>  <b>went away,</b>                  and the sea <b>is no longer</b>.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Related words: 21:1-22:5</li> <li>▪ οὐκ ἔστιν ἔτι = “Is not still...”</li> </ul>
<p>2</p>	<p>(2) And <b>I saw</b>                  the <b>holy city</b>                  = the <b>new Jerusalem</b>                  (a) <b>coming down</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ out of <b>heaven</b></li> <li>▪ from <b>God,</b></li> </ul>                 (b) <b>made ready</b> as a <b>bride</b>  <b>adorned</b> for <b>her husband</b><sub>n1</sub>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<p>3</p>	<p>(3) And <b>I heard</b> a <b>great</b> voice                  out of the <b>throne,</b>  <b>saying,</b>                  “<b>Look!</b>                  (a) The <b>dwelling</b><sub>n</sub> of <b>God</b> [<i>is</i>] <b>with</b> <b>mankind</b><sub>n2</sub>,                  (b) and <b>he will dwell</b><sub>v</sub> <b>with</b> <b>them,</b>                  (c) and <b>they will be</b> <b>his</b> <b>people,</b>                  (d) and <b>God himself will be with</b> <b>them,</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<p>4</p>	<p>(e) and <b>he will wipe away</b> <b>every</b> <b>tear</b>                  from <b>their eyes.</b>                  (f) And <b>death will be no longer</b>.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Neither</b> <b>mourning,</b></li> <li>▪ <b>nor</b> <b>crying,</b></li> <li>▪ <b>nor</b> <b>pain—</b></li> </ul>                 (g) [<i>these</i>] <b>will be no longer</b>.                  The <b>first</b> [<i>things</i>] <b>went away.</b>”</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wipe: Rev 3:5 “not wipe name from book of life”</li> <li>▪ Wipe tears: Isa 25:8 = swallow death &amp; feast on wine/meat &amp; wipe tears; Rev 7:17 = martyred multitude; 21:4 = New Earth</li> </ul>

<p>5</p>	<p>(a) And the one sitting on the throne said,          “<b>Look!</b>          I am making all [things] new.”</p> <p>(b) And he said,          “<b>Write,</b>          for these words are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ faithful</li> <li>▪ and true.”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Faithful &amp; True: Rev 3:14 = Jesus, the F &amp; T witness; 19:11 = name of rider on white horse; 21:5 = Father’s faithful &amp; true words; 22:6 = Angel confirms the words are F &amp;T</li> <li>▪ Write: 1:3, 11, 19, etc.</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<p>6</p>	<p>Then he said to me,</p> <p>(a) “It is done.</p> <p>(b) I [am]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ the Alpha and the Omega,</li> <li>▪ the beginning and the end.</li> </ul> <p>(c) I will give [water] to the one who thirsts          from the spring of the water of life          without cost.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It is done: Rev 16:17 = 7<sup>th</sup> bowl; 21:6 = New Earth;</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<p>7</p>	<p>(a) The one who overcomes will inherit these [things],</p> <p>(b) and I will be his God</p> <p>(c) and he will be my son.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overcomers!</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<p>8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ But for the cowardly</li> <li>▪ and unbelieving</li> <li>▪ and detestable</li> <li>▪ and murderers</li> <li>▪ and immoral</li> <li>▪ and sorcerers</li> <li>▪ and idolaters</li> <li>▪ and all liars—</li> </ul> <p>their part [will be] in the lake of burning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ fire</li> <li>▪ and sulfur,</li> </ul> <p>which is the second death.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Intentional contrast between two destinies.</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>