

John #57

11:1-16

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“That the Son of God May Be Glorified”

Intro: As we’ve opened our Bibles to the 11th chapter of John’s gospel, it is our blessed privilege this Lord’s Day to begin to read of the seventh, final and most astounding of _____’ miracles as recorded by the Beloved; the _____ of Lazarus from the _____.

A. As the Heavenly Father willed it, and having been rejected in Jerusalem, _____ was to be _____ again by returning to Bethany where He would demonstrate His glory as no other could; by raising to life a man who had been dead for four days.

I. “_____ of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha ... was _____.

A. Lazarus’ sisters sent word to _____ informing Him that their brother, whom Jesus _____ was desperately ill.

B. In _____ beyond the illness ___ the _____ of it, the Lord responded by saying, “This sickness is not unto death, ...”

1. Through Lazarus’ sickness and death “the _____ of God” would be displayed and that, “that the Son of God may be glorified by it.” By means of His friend’s sickness and the opportunity the sickness gave, the _____ of God would be fulfilled for Jesus would be glorified in working a divine miracle.

C. _____ waiting _____ Jesus “said to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judea again.’”

1. The disciples questioned the wisdom of returning to Judea where the Lord’s _____ was _____.

2. Despite the dangers, Jesus expressed His determination to go to Judea to _____ the _____ and the disciples’ concern would not deter Him. With the times fixed by God, Jesus would not add a moment on to His life by staying away from Judea nor would He cut His life short by returning as the disciples suggested.

D. By telling the disciples that Lazarus was _____ and that He would go to awaken Him, Jesus began to reveal that He would _____ Lazarus from the dead.

E. _____ His _____ of raising to life a man who had been dead for four days, the disciples' _____ would be _____. So, Jesus could say that He was glad that He was not there to prevent Lazarus from dying!

1. Though Lazarus was dead, though he was placed in the grave, though hearts were broken and it seemed that all was lost, Jesus said, " _____ to him."

2. How necessary it was that they go to the tomb of their dead friend, for he could not come to them. It was there where he who was dead would rise again and the disciples and the sisters would believe upon Jesus, that _____ the Resurrection and the _____!

Closing: As I said at the first of this message, "It is no coincidence that this miracle is recorded immediately after the Jerusalem Jews rejected Jesus, having determined not to consider His many miraculous works as credible evidence that verified the truth of His testimony, that He is the Son of God." Here, Christ's work in raising Lazarus from the dead would _____ that the Jesus of Nazareth truly is the Son of God.

Let us join with the disciples, and though like them we may not all understand, but that the Son of God may be glorified, let us read of this miracle and believe that _____ the _____!

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