

“Discrediting Death/Divulging Life”

John 10:37- 11:46

Backstory: 10:37 - 11:2

Jesus’ conflict with the Jewish leaders reaches a crux as they seek to silence Him, but He escapes their clutches and leaves Judea.

Bethany (John 1:28), or Bethany (John 11:1, 18)

I. The Sick Situation: 11:3 - 6.

NOTICE “... this illness does not lead to death,
it is for the glory of God...” – Compare Chapter 9:3-4

- Jesus delays going to Bethany near Jerusalem: **Why?**

II. The Conversation with the Disciples: 11:7 - 16.

NOTICE “... and for your sake I am glad that I was not there...”

- Jesus not only had a reason for not going, but later He also had a reason for going! **What is it?**

III. The Conversation with Martha: 11:17-27.

NOTICE “... Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died...”

- Jesus checks for Martha’s understanding of the power of death versus the power of Life! **Where does her answer lie?**

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE!

THE 7 Great I Am’s:

- a. I am the Bread of Life (John 6:35):
- b. I am the Light of the World (John 8:12)
- c. I am the Door/Gate (John 10:7-9):
- d. I am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-14)
- e. I am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)
- f. I am...
- g. I am...

IV. The Conversation and Crying with Mary: 11:28 - 37.

NOTICE “... Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died...”

- Jesus is now engulfed with both anger and compassion?

How is the love of Jesus shown?

V. The Conversation about the Father and Lazarus: 11:38 - 44.

NOTICE “... I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.”

- Jesus is seeking to glorify God the Father through himself by demonstrating power over death. From this point on it is going to be all about obeying the Father’s will for Him and the Cross.

“over the road to death, the raising of Lazarus shines like a promise; death is not the end!” – R. Schackenburg

Conclusion: 11:45-46

45 Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, 46 but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done...”

The drama over belief and unbelief reaches its height with the greatest of signs. The discrediting of death and it’s power by the glorification of the Son of God divulges the truth about the life that Jesus provides. As a powerful stimulus for faith this event widens the gap between those who come to believe in Jesus and those who oppose Jesus. The later are driven to destroy Jesus at all cost, but unwittingly they will raise Jesus to the Pinnacle of God’s glorification through His Son.

What are we to do? What is your response to the claims of Jesus?