

JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Introduction: What do you think about Jesus Christ? Do you think He is God, someone created by God or a very good man? Do you think He knew exactly what was going to happen to Him when He died, or did He have fairly good idea of what was going to happen to Him? Do you think He is dead or alive today? If He is dead, do you believe He will live again? If he is alive, do you believe He is in a physical body or in a spiritual body? Your answers to these questions will determine how you will react to what Jesus said, did and claimed to be. We will see how others reacted to Jesus in John 11.

Lesson Aim: Learn whether your reactions to what Jesus said, did or claimed to be are right or wrong.

Memory Verse: "What do you think about Christ? Whose Son is He?" (Mt 22:42).

Lesson Outline and Questions to Answer:**I. The Misunderstanding of Jesus — 11:1-37**

1. What was the real purpose of Lazarus' sickness and death? 11:4
2. What did Jesus do when He heard that Lazarus was sick? 11:6
3. How did the disciples react when Jesus said He was going back to Judea? 11:8
4. Why was Jesus glad that He was not in Bethany when Lazarus died? 11:15
5. Which disciple expected to die with Jesus when they went back to Bethany? 11:16
6. How long had Lazarus been in the grave when Jesus arrived in Bethany? 11:17
7. How did Martha express her faith in the power of Jesus? 11:22
8. What promise did Jesus give to Martha for her faith in Him? 11:23
9. How did Martha react to Jesus' promise? 11:24
10. What did Jesus tell Martha about Himself? 11:25a
11. What promise did Jesus tell Martha again about Lazarus? 11:25b
12. How can it be that a believer will never die? 11:26; cf Jn 3:36
13. Why do you think Jesus groaned when He saw Mary and others weeping and knew He would raise Lazarus from the dead? 11:33, 38

II. The Miracle of Jesus — 11:38-44

14. How did Martha show that she did not believe Jesus' promises? 11:39; cf 11:23, 25
15. Why did Jesus pray loud enough for everyone to hear it? 11:42
16. How did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? 11:43

III. The Reaction of the People — 11:45-53

17. How did the Jews react to this miracle of Jesus? 11:45-46
18. How did the chief priests (Sadducees) and Pharisees react to Jesus' miracle? 11:47-53

IV. The Retreat of Jesus — 11:54-57

19. Why did the people wonder if Jesus would come to the Passover feast? 11:56-57