

➤ Unit 11 - 2 (v 32-53): Jesus raised Lazarus

A. Daily Study

³⁴ And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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. ⁴⁷ So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." ⁴⁹ But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰ Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." ⁵¹ He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵² and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³ So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

[📖] In-depth Questions

1. What was the people's response when Jesus wept? (v 34-36)
 - They recognized how much Jesus loved Lazarus.
2. Why did they believe Jesus could heal Lazarus before he died? (v 37)
 - They knew Jesus had power because He healed a blind man.
3. What was in Martha's thought and mind when Jesus asked her to take away the entrance stone at Lazarus' tomb? (v 38-39)
 - Jesus cannot do anything since Lazarus has been dead for 4 days and his body already started to decay.
4. What did they do after hearing what Jesus said? (v 40-41)
 - They took away the stone to see God's glory.
5. Why did Jesus pray like this? (v 41-42)

- He would raise Lazarus for the people to believe in Him as the Messiah.
6. How did Jesus raise Lazarus? (v 43-44)
 - Jesus called Lazarus to come out of the tomb.
 7. How did they believe in Jesus? (v 45)
 - Because they saw Jesus raised the dead Lazarus.
 8. Why did the priests and the Pharisees concern about what Jesus did? (v 46-47)
 - Because Jesus performed many signs.
 9. What did those signs prove about? (v 47)
 - Jesus Christ was the Messiah.
 10. What was the council afraid of? (v 48)
 - They were afraid of the Romans would take away their privileges and destroy the nation.
 11. What was Caiaphas' idea to save the nation? (v 49-50)
 - One man should die for the people, which would save the nation from the Romans.
 12. How could the death of Jesus save the whole nation? (v 50) – See Exodus 30:10
 - “Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once a year. With the blood of the sin offering of atonement he shall make atonement for it once in the year throughout your generations. It is most holy to the Lord.”
 - Jesus' death would be the sin offering of atonement for the whole nation forever.
 13. What was the real reason for Caiaphas to suggest it? (v 51-52)
 - Not just for the Israelite, but for the children of God who are scattered abroad.

B. Today's Chal-Q

- ◆ Why did Jesus ask the people to move the stone of Lazarus' tomb and to unbind him? Didn't Jesus have the power to move and unbind him?

❖ Today's Memory Verse

John 11:40 – “If you believed you would see the glory of God.” (ESV)