

John 11:1

John chapter 11 includes the description of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. For this lesson, you can read here: [John 11:1-16](#), or listen to it by playing the audio file: [John 11-01 thru 11-16.mp3](#). It takes about 2 minutes to listen to this audio clip.

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Think about [John 11:1](#) and [John 11:18](#).

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ... Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off,

- Where did Lazarus and his sisters live?
 - What happened to Lazarus?
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Think about [John 11:2](#),

It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill.

and [Luke 7:36-50](#).

One of the Pharisees asked him (Jesus) to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ... And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ... "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

- What had Mary done for Jesus?
- What had Jesus done for Mary?

Think about [John 11:5](#),

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

and [John 11:11](#).

he (Jesus) said to them (his students), "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him."

- What was Jesus's attitude toward Martha, Mary and Lazarus?
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Think about [John 11:3-6](#).

So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

- What did Martha and Mary do when Lazarus was sick?
- What did Jesus say that Lazarus' sickness would NOT end with?
- Did Lazarus die from this sickness?

Consider [John 11:14](#). *Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died"*

- What did Jesus say would be the end result of Lazarus's sickness? (See John 11:3-6 quoted above.)

The word "glory" means: brightness, a good opinion of one resulting in praise and honor.

- When Jesus heard that his friend Lazarus was deathly ill, what did he do?
- Why did Jesus choose to let his beloved friend Lazarus go through sickness and death, and Lazarus's sisters bear the pain of helplessly watching their brother suffer and die? (See John 11:3-6 quoted above.)

Consider [John 11:45](#). *Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he (Jesus) did, believed in him,*

Note: These Jews saw Jesus call forth dead Lazarus to come out of his grave alive.

- Jesus said these two things about Lazarus: "*(Lazarus's) illness does not lead to death*", and "*Lazarus has died*". How can these statements both be true?

Consider [John 11:25-26](#). (Jesus said) "*Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.*"

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Think about [2Corinthians 1:8-10](#).

For we (the apostle Paul and Timothy) do not want you (the Christians in Corinth) to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

- Why does God sometimes give the ones he loves adversity (distress) they feel like they cannot endure?