

**A Strange
Funeral
Jesus Raises
Lazarus
From the Dead**



According to one source, there are approximately 2 million funerals in America per year, which means that about 5,479 funerals take place every single day! Most of those funerals are pretty typical: a formal service followed by an interment.

But the funeral service we're looking at was really different--and not just because of a resurrection. Here Jesus does three things that are pretty normal for most people at a funeral, but strikingly odd for Jesus.

Summary of Today's Message

Death is a very real part of life; everyone who lives will die—unless the Lord comes back before that. How many people return from the dead on the day of their funeral? Lazarus has been dead for four days. It is the strangest funeral ever, because Jesus will perform his most famous, greatest miracle.

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Jesus has resurrected others: the daughter of Jairus, after a short time (Matthew 9:18-26), and the son of the widow at Nain, after about a day (Luke 7:11-16).

As we study our text, we have considered Jesus' delay and the interaction between Mary and Martha with Jesus.

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Now we come to the main event: ultimate proof of Jesus' claim in John 11:25,

"I am the resurrection and the life."

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Greek meaning is properly expressing
uncontainable audible grief- (Mary, Martha)

Greek meaning -to silently weep burst out
silently in tears (Jesus)

Our God really cares about the sorrowful; it
moves Him

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"For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin."

(Hebrews 4:15)

His Tears (vv. 35-37)

"The Love of God" by Frederick M. Lehman

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;

His Tears (vv. 35-37)

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade,

His Tears (vv. 35-37)

To write the love of God above,
Would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.