

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



## 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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400 years BC, as Socrates lay on his deathbed after drinking hemlock, his friends asked, "will we live again?" Socrates replied "I hope so, but no one can ever know." Jesus action here blows that notion out of the water.

His Anger (vv. 33-34, v. 38)

He groaned

Root word means snorting of a horse

He gave way to such distress of spirit as to make

His body tremble

He was troubled: Greek meaning is to agitate,  
stir up, trouble

## His Anger (vv. 33-34, v. 38)

He is angry at death itself and the sin that caused  
death

Death was not God's plan to begin with

Jesus is about life

"In Him was life, and the life was the light of  
men." (John 1:4)

## His Anger (vv. 33-34, v. 38)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

(John 3:16)



## His Anger (vv. 33-34, v. 38)

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. I am the bread of life." (John 6:47-48)

## His Approach (vv. 39-44)

Jesus prays publicly

He cried out with a loud voice (with the loudness of a multitude)

Jesus is about to do a powerful miracle, voice matches the deed

## Preview of coming attractions

We will be raised from the dead

"Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation." (John 5:28-29)

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For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first

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And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord." (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17)

## Preview of coming attractions

The resurrection of our bodies completes our  
salvation

Salvation from the past penalty of sin  
(justification)

Salvation from the present power of sin  
(sanctification)

# Preview of coming attractions

Salvation from the future presence of sin  
(glorification)

The Lord created us as body and soul and has  
plans to redeem both

## Preview of coming attractions

Picture of ministry: we do what we can, He changes lives

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

(Revelation 18:7)



# **PONDER THIS**

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