

The Miracles of Jesus
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Miracle: "A Happening with Which Human Reasoning Has Yet To Catch Up."

-Dr. William Augustus Jones

Miracle #33 Pt. 2 – Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead
John 11:5-8

Jesus loved this family and often stayed with them. He knew their pain. They were a very close family who were lovingly concerned about one another. John makes it clear that Jesus loved them for us to know the love of God for those who serve Him. He loves us when we are well; He loves us when we are sick. It is at no time that He detaches Himself from us because of our condition or circumstances. Though He loved them, He did not rush to see them. He waited 2 days before deciding to go and see them. Jesus and His disciples were about 20 miles from Bethany. It was a 2 day's journey; for 2 days Jesus did nothing. Then, He told His disciples it was time to return to Judea.

When Jesus informed them that He was going to Bethany, the disciples questioned Him. They had been across the Jordan River in Perea when word of Lazarus came to them. They had retreated in part because the hostility of the leaders had become so intense that Christ was in danger of being stoned. The disciples were afraid. Verse 8 uses the word "**again.**" Jesus had been there before and had been forced to withdraw. Now, He is returning and taking His disciples with Him into a danger zone.

- **John 11:9-10**

There are 12 hours in the daylight. In this instance, Jesus is referencing the knowledge of God's will. Night means absent of this knowledge. When we go on our own and do things our way, we will stumble and eventually fall. We want to seek God's will and do God's will according to God's plan for our lives.

- **John 11:11-16**

The Bible appropriately speaks of death as sleep.

- **1st Corinthians 15:51**
- **1st Thessalonians 4:14**

We can be confident as we lie down at the end of our earthly existence that we will awaken, and rise again. If Jesus would have been with Lazarus during the final moments of his sickness,

He might have healed him rather than let him die. But Lazarus died so that the power of Jesus over death could be shown to His disciples and others. Jesus delayed His coming not to impress anyone, but to put on display who He is in the resurrection of believers. The most fundamental principle in the Christian faith is to believe in the resurrection of the dead. Jesus not only raised Himself from the dead, but He has the power to raise others as well.

The disciples knew the dangers of going with Jesus to Jerusalem and they tried to talk Him out of it. Thomas spoke of dying with Jesus. They did not understand why Jesus would die, but they were loyal to Him and willing to go with Jesus all the way.

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