

The Miracles of Jesus: RAISING LAZARUS

John 11 (p.989)

The fact of death brings the world into **proper focus**.

Follies are forgotten. Love is amplified. We can embrace the hand of a harsh critic. We open our wallets more generously to a beggar. We esteem, more than ever before, our dear ones.

And we reach more desperately to take hold of God.

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When it comes to death, there is much we don't understand (especially God's timing). We can trust it results in His glory.

A. Buried

11:17-24

Death is a critical opportunity to show **compassion** and Christ's comfort.

For true believers, resurrection is our great confidence!
2Cor.5:8; 1Thes.4

Application: There is physical death and there is spiritual death. All of us begin **separated** from God- buried in our sin.
Eph.2:1-5

B. Beckoned

11:25-43

Application: Jesus still beckons for all to **follow**.
Mt.16:24; 11:28

C. Bound

11:44

Application: Regenerate Christians are new creations with new natures; but it takes time to be **sanctified** (set apart) from the trappings of our previous state.
Hebrews 12:1

D. Bountiful

11:45-46; 12:9-11

Application: Your story is intended to be part of **His story** and to glorify God.
Mt.13:8