

Glory Revealed
Week 9 – John 11-12
Revealed as the Resurrection and Life

“I am the resurrection and the life.”
John 11:11a

I. The Death of Lazarus – John 11:1-16

A. Calling for Christ

“God’s love sometimes leaves our prayers unanswered” (F. B. Meyer, *Gospel of John*, p. 167).

B. Christ’s Delay

And I’ve come to see that it’s through the deepest suffering that God has taught me the deepest lessons. And if we’ll trust Him for it, we can come through to the unshakable assurance that He’s in charge. He has a loving purpose. And He can transform something terrible into something wonderful. Suffering is never for nothing (Elizabeth Elliott, *Suffering is Never for Nothing*, Loc. 119).

II. Jesus’ response to Martha – John 11:17-27

Theological – Expressing His Deity

5th “I Am” statement - “I am the Resurrection and the Life” (John 11:11).

III. Jesus’ response to Mary – John 11:28-37

Physical – Expressing His Humanity

Deeply Moved – “to feel deeply and strongly, Jesus was moved with profound sorrow...intermixed with anger at the evil of death” (ESV Study Bible, p. 2046).

He was moved with indignation. He was angry. And being angry, He troubled Himself...’Jesus wept.’ He stood in the presence of death. Death was the outcome of sin. All the wrath of God surged through Him in the presence of the whole of human misery, resulting from human sin, and issuing in death, and the breaking of hearts (G. Campbell Morgan, *The Gospel According to John*, p. 197).

IV. Raising Lazarus – John 11:38-44

The 7th Sign

Jesus knew that by bringing Lazarus back to life, He was signing His own death warrant.

V. The Reaction – John 11:45-57

There are only two possible responses to Christ:

A. Belief

B. Unbelief

“Instead of falling at His feet in faith, they hot-footed it to tell His enemies. Strange indeed are the ways of some who stand in the presence of the power of God, and yet turn away from it to walk in the power of Satan” (Herschel H. Hobbs, *The Exposition of the Gospel of John*, p. 187).

VI. Extravagant Worship – John 12:1-11

Martha did not realize that her sister was being led to apprehend truths of which she had no idea; and that probably she was the only one in the world who had really entered into the heart of the Lord's teaching about his approaching death. The busy house-wife little dreamt that her younger sister would presently perform a deed of rare and deep significance; which should refresh that beloved heart amid the agonies of crucifixion, even as it left a fragrance on the sacred body of which all the coarse handling of the next few days could not deprive it (F. B. Meyer, *Gospel of John*, p. 173).

Worship reveals the heart:

Mary – What can I do for Jesus?

Judas – What can Jesus do for me?

Broken Vases by Ken Gire in our study – *Glory Revealed*, p. 208-209.

VII. The Triumphal Entry – John 12:12-19

This was the fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9-10. Jesus rode in as the King of Peace. He will come again on the victor's horse as King of Kings and Lord of Lords – (Revelation 19:11-16).

VIII. We must die to live – give to gain – John 12:20-36

Many people ask how a good God could tolerate evil. They ask, “Why doesn't He destroy evil?” The answer is that to destroy evil, He would have to destroy us. The only way Christ could destroy evil without destroying us was to take our evil in His body on the cross. Conquering death, hell and the grave, He has granted us eternal life – abundant and full. This life begins the moment of salvation - the moment we believe.

IX. We must believe – John 12:37-50

There are themes in the book of John. There are words that John emphasized by using them frequently. Three of these words are: Light, Love and Life.

The Light without the Love would terrify me and breed despair; the Love without the Light would be powerless to reach my soul; but the Light and the Love together generate Life – a Life which, as I enter into union with Christ by faith, becomes a present possession, eternal and death-defying, because it is the very life of God (James S. Stewart, *The Strong Name*, p. 23).