

“THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE”  
PART 1: SICKNESS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD  
(John 11:1-16)

- I. CAUSE for Concern (John 11:1-2)
  - A. Lazarus was SICK
  - B. His SISTERS were MARY and MARTHA (cf. 12:3ff)
- II. CALL for Help (John 11:3)
  - A. The sisters SENT WORD to Jesus
    - 1. They identified Lazarus as “he whom You LOVE”
    - 2. They said only that he was SICK
  - B. They provide a wonderful MODEL for PRAYER
- III. CALM Response (John 11:4-7)
  - A. Jesus explained the PURPOSE of the sickness
    - 1. It would not END in DEATH
    - 2. It would DISPLAY the glory of GOD
    - 3. It would RESULT in the glory of THE SON
  - B. Jesus stayed TWO MORE DAYS
    - 1. He acted according to His own TIMETABLE and PLAN
    - 2. He waited BECAUSE He LOVED Martha and Mary and Lazarus
  - C. Then Jesus said, “Let’s go BACK to JUDEA”

IV. CAUTIOUS Disciples (John 11:8-16)

- A. They reminded Jesus of the Jews' attempt to STONE Him
- B. Jesus responds with a PROVERB
  - 1. He was SAFE for the DURATION of the "day"
  - 2. He had to COMPLETE His work while it was still "DAY"
- B. He said, "Lazarus has FALLEN ASLEEP; but I go [to] AWAKEN him"
- C. Jesus explained "Lazarus is DEAD, and I am GLAD..."
  - 1. It will STRENGTHEN their FAITH in Jesus
  - 2. They all had to GO TO HIM
- D. THOMAS spoke for the disciples
  - 1. He said they should GO WITH JESUS
  - 2. He shouldn't have to DIE ALONE