



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel
John 11:17-36
From Sermon 6.2.24

Read *John 11:17-36*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: While this portion of chapter 11 focuses on Jesus' interaction with Mary and Martha, the obvious is not lost in its glorifying Christ. So monumental is this miracle that Lazarus joins Jesus as a game-changer. The religious leaders will have to employ new tactics, rules, and schemes to silence them both. The section also gives one of Scripture's best glimpses into the humanity of Jesus.

1. Discuss the definition and other names for the simultaneous divinity and humanity of Jesus. God-man, Incarnation, hypostatic union. Son of God/Son of Man. 100% both. See also *Philippians 2:6-8*

2. What are some things Jesus did or said that prove His human nature. Various answers. He was born, grew, ate, slept, felt, tempted, trials, bled, & died. See *Luke 2:52, John 19:28, & Hebrews 4:15*

3. What was unique about the resurrection of Lazarus (upcoming sermon/passage) vs many of the other resurrections recorded in the Bible? How long he was dead. Many others were first day or immediately.

3a. Why is that significant, especially at this point in Jesus' ministry? There is zero chance it was just a healing/resuscitation. The body had already begun decomp process. Lazarus needed a full restoration of both spirit and body. = the impossible.

4. Jesus gives His next "I AM" statement (Re-read Verse 25). Who receives the resurrection, a new imperishable body, and eternal life? Trick question. Real life, a glorified body, and the blessed first resurrection (*Revelation 20:4-5*) are for the elect, saved believers. But everyone will eventually be resurrected physically and live forever. It's all a question of location.

4a. How does this powerful, promising I AM statement change the way you view physical death? Various Personal Answers.

4b. Have you ever attended the funeral of a pretty obvious non-believer*? Of an evident faithful believer? What was the difference in the mood, setting, and the response? Various personal observations. See *1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, & 18* [*we don't pretend to know who is saved and who is not. But the scripture does give some verifiable evidence to draw salvations conclusions.]

5. From Sunday: If Jesus knew He was just about to raise Lazarus from the dead, why would He cry?

Best Options:

- These were close friends who were hurting
- The sins, curse, and consequences of a fallen world that has rejected God
- His heartbroken response to faithlessness