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**CHAPTER ELEVEN: THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE**

**THIS SICKNESS (JOHN 11:1-16)**

**1** Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

**2** It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

**3** Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."

**4** When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

**5** Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

**6** So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was.

**7** Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

**8** The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again?"

**9** Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

**10** But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

**11** These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up."

**12** Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well."

**13** However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep.

**14** Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead.

**15** And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him."

**16** Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him."

Jesus was in Bethany beyond the Jordan (John 10:40) was about 30-40km northeast of Jerusalem across the Jordan River in Perea. Lazarus, Mary and Martha's home was in another Bethany near Jerusalem, about 3km south-east of Jerusalem on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives.



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**Vs 3: Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick**

Just because we are loved by God and we love God, does not exempt us from life's challenges.

We are living in a world where there is sin and sickness, and we will face these. But we are not helpless. We can overcome sin, satan, sickness and other evils in this world.

**Vs 4: This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it**

Jesus said that this sickness is not unto death, but we know Lazarus died. Hence, it appears that at the very beginning Jesus had an understanding of how this situation would unfold. He knew that this situation would not end in death, but He the Son of God will be glorified.

We need to be clear about certain things:

*Does sickness come from God?* The answer is no. God is Jehovah Rapha our Healer.

*Does our sickness in itself glorify God?* The answer is no. Sin and sickness were not part of God's original design. These came in after the Fall. Just as sin in itself does not glorify God, sickness in itself does not glorify God.

*How is God glorified through sickness?* As we see in this case, God is glorified when His glory is expressed in the situation. His glory being expressed means, we see who God is and what He does in the situation. God is Healer, and He heals us. God is glorified when the sick person is healed, just as God is glorified with the sinner is set free from sin.

*How was the Son of God glorified in this situation?* Lazarus was raised from the dead and thus Jesus was glorified.

**Vs 5: Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus**

In His humanity, Jesus cared for, had compassion for and loved people.

We see this when He requested John the apostle to take care of Mary, when on the Cross.

**Vs 6: He stayed two more days**

Jesus was listening to the Father. So, He knew the outcome of this situation as we see from His statement in vs 4, and He was being obedient to the Father's timing in what He needed to do in this situation.

*Application: Can we be in tune and listening to the Father, so that in situations, we can receive from God the outcome and be obedient to the steps He wants us to take and when He wants us to take those steps?*

**vs 7-10: You won't stumble when you walk in the day and in the light**



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There is a powerful lesson here. When Jesus told His disciples that they should go to Judea, heading to Bethany the home of Lazarus, His disciples knew of the danger there. The Jews were waiting to arrest and stone Jesus. It was like walking into the lion's den. Jesus speaks figuratively and uses "day" (12 hours) and "night" (12 hours), "light" and "darkness" figuratively in His response to their concern. In this context, the "day" represents the time allotted by the Father for Him to accomplish His earthly ministry. The "light" represents the Father's revelation, direction, and will which Jesus had received. As long as it is "day" (the Father's appointed time for Him), and as long as He is walking in the "light" (doing according to the Father's direction), no danger or harm can come upon Him or stop Him. The "night" is the absence of "light", representing acting outside God's will, without His revelation, direction and guidance. To walk in the "night" means to move in fear, self-will, human impulse, rebellion, and outside of God's plan, which leads to stumbling (failure, harm, danger, ruin, etc.). When you walk in the light you won't stumble. The understanding here is that when you are walking in what the Father has instructed you, you are safe. And that is exactly what happened. Jesus and His disciples arrived at Bethany unharmed.

Application: *Can we as children of light, know our "day" and practice walking in the "light", as Jesus did? The Psalmist prayed: "So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12).*

**vs 11-15: I am glad that I was not there**

News that Lazarus has died has now reached Jesus and His disciples.

The Lord Jesus made a very strange statement here. *"And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him."* Jesus had delayed going to Lazarus' home. Now Lazarus was dead. It would still take time for Jesus to reach the home of Lazarus, by which time Lazarus would have been in the tomb four days. And at the end of all this, all this delay, all this time gone by, Lazarus dying and in being the tomb for four days - Jesus is saying "I am glad....". Strange!

What did Jesus mean and what can we learn. Obviously, Jesus was not glad about Lazarus' death itself, but glad about the opportunity this incident would provide for the faith of His disciples to increase. He said, *"I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe"*. They would see Jesus raise Lazarus after being in the tomb four days, displaying the glory of God in an unmistakable and powerful way! Jesus though He arrived "late" demonstrated a greater miracle than healing of the sickness, a resurrection after four days!

Application: *God strengthens our faith through the display of His power in situations we think have gone from bad to worse and where God seems to have delayed His work.*



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**vs 16: Let's go and die with Him!**

Thomas, also named Didymus (Greek for twin), whom we sometimes refer to as "doubting Thomas" seemed to be deeply loyal disciple but also a very pragmatic person, almost bordering on unbelief and a lack of faith. His words in John 11:16 *"Let us also go, that we may die with Him"* not only shows loyalty and a readiness to die with Jesus, but also a somewhat pessimistic view on things. He didn't seem to have understood what Jesus just spoke about walking in the day and in the light. Interestingly in John 14:5, Thomas questions: *"Lord, we do not know where You are going; how can we know the way?"* Again, we see Thomas in John 20:24–29 doubting Jesus' resurrection until he had physical evidence.

*Application: Jesus chose all kinds of people to be His disciples, even pragmatic Thomas. He has chosen each of us, the way we are, the way we have been designed, to serve Him!*

**I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE (John 11:17-27)**

**17** So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days.

**18** Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away.

**19** And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

**20** Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.

**21** Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

**22** But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

**23** Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

**24** Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

**25** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

**26** And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

**27** She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

**Vs 22: But even now...**

In Vs 21-22 while Martha expresses her sorrow, she also expresses her faith when she said: "But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." What a powerful statement. She is in essence stating that all is not over, all is not lost. Jesus could still pray and ask the Father for Lazarus and it will happen!



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**vs 25: "I am the resurrection and the life..."**

Jesus makes yet another of His "I am" statements.

This statement declares His Lordship over death and Him as the Giver of eternal life.

This is the great hope we have. Because He is the resurrection and the life we, though we die, we will live!

**Vs 27: "I believe..."**

once again Martha affirms her faith in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God, the One whom the prophets had foretold.

**JESUS WEPT (JOHN 11:28-38)**

**28** And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you."

**29** As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him.

**30** Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him.

**31** Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there."

**32** Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

**33** Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled.

**34** And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see."

**35** Jesus wept.

**36** Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!"

**37** And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?"

**38** Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

**Vs 33, 35, 38: He groaned in the spirit and was troubled...Jesus wept...again groaning in Himself,...**

These verses teach us that Jesus was moved deeply, in His inner being by the pain, sorrow, weeping he saw in the people. Losing a loved one is painful. He is touched by our pain. He still is touched by our feelings (Hebrews 2:14,18; 4:15).



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**IF YOU BELIEVE YOU WILL SEE (JOHN 11:39-44)**

**39** Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

**40** Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

**41** Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

**42** And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me."

**43** Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!"

**44** And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

We see the Lord Jesus demonstrating how to operate in faith in God, here, as He had done at other times.

**Vs 40: If you would believe you would see the glory of God**

This is key. Believe! Believing is having faith. If we believe we will see the glory of God. The glory of God in this context refers to a visible manifestation of who God is and what He does.

**Vs 41: "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me."**

This indicates that the Lord Jesus had already engaged in prayer and was in a place where the work was already considered done. The outcome was already settled. Jesus is simply acknowledging that in prayer the matter had already been settled.

**Vs 43: "Lazarus, come forth!"**

The words of command were spoken. And Lazarus came forth.

*Application: We follow what Jesus taught and demonstrated in order to see the glory of God, to see visible expressions of who God is and what He does. We believe. We settle it in prayer. We speak forth and command the outcome.*

**THIS MAN WORKS MANY SIGNS (JOHN 11:45-57)**

**45** Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him.

**46** But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did.



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**47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, "What shall we do? For this Man works many signs.**

**48 If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation."**

**49 And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all,**

**50 nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish."**

**51 Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,**

**52 and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.**

**53 Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death.**

**54 Therefore Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there into the country near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim, and there remained with His disciples.**

**55 And the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went from the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves.**

**56 Then they sought Jesus, and spoke among themselves as they stood in the temple, "What do you think—that He will not come to the feast?"**

**57 Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command, that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it, that they might seize Him.**

Here we see the result of Lazarus' resurrection. The Son of God was glorified through this resurrection.

The chief priests and Pharisees recognized that Jesus worked many signs - miracles, healings, deliverance, etc. They could not deny this.

**Vs 49-52: God working through the ignorance of human authority**

Caiaphas, the high priest was speaking humanly, from a standpoint of preserving political and social standing, indicating that it was better to have Jesus killed and the Jewish nation saved from Roman retaliation. Caiaphas did not know the spiritual meaning or significance of Christ's death. However, John the Gospel writer, indicates that Caiaphas "prophesied", or unknowingly foretold, what Christ would do through His death on the Cross. This clearly shows us that God as He chooses, can use the ignorance and words of those who oppose Him to declare the very heart of the gospel and further His purposes.





## CHAPTER TWELVE: THE GRAIN OF WHEAT

### VERY COSTLY OIL (JOHN 12:1-8)

**1** Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead.

**2** There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

**3** Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

**4** But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,

**5** "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"

**6** This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

**7** But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial.

**8** For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

The Gospels record three times when Jesus was anointed:

1, Luke 7:36–50: at the home of Simon the Pharisee, in Galilee (probably Capernaum or nearby, early on in His ministry. This records a "sinful woman" who weeps, wets Jesus' feet with her tears, wipes them with her hair, and anoints His feet with perfume.

2, John 12:1–8: at the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus in Bethany, near Jerusalem, six days before Passover and the crucifixion on the Saturday before Palm Sunday. Mary anoints Jesus' feet with pure nard and wipes them with her hair. Judas Iscariot objects to the waste, claiming the perfume could be sold for the poor. Jesus connects the act with His burial preparation.

3, Matthew 26:6–13 & Mark 14:3–9 at the home of Simon the Leper in Bethany, near Jerusalem, two days before the Passover and the crucifixion. An unnamed woman, anoints Jesus' head with expensive nard. The disciples object at the cost, thinking it could have been sold for the poor. Jesus again links the act to His burial preparation. [Note: Some think this was Mary, sister of Martha, but the timing, place and setting differ and hence we consider this as a separated event from John 12:1-8.

Judas Iscariot was a disciple, one of the Twelve, and yet was a thief because he used to steal money from the offering box. It is possible that Jesus and other disciples knew about this, since John wrote about this here. Yet, in this context, Jesus let it be.

**Vs 8: For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.**





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Application: *There are times, when our sacrifice directly for the cause of Christ, our attention to our worship and devotion to Jesus Christ, should take precedence over meeting the almost unending needs around us.*

**HOSANNA! (JOHN 12:9-19)**

**9** Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead.

**10** But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also,

**11** because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

**12** The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

**13** took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!' The King of Israel!"

**14** Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

**15** "FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SITTING ON A DONKEY'S COLT."

**16** His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

**17** Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness.

**18** For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

**19** The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"

We see the effect of the Lazarus resurrection miracle. Many believed in Jesus. It made Jesus very popular and at that time, the expectation of the people was sky high. They were now expecting Him to do the next big thing, overthrow the Roman regime.

**Vs 12-15: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The King of Israel!**

The people welcomed His entrance into Jerusalem shouting Hosanna! Hosanna is Aramaic for God save or help, quoting from Psalm 118:26 *"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD."* and anticipating that Jesus would at this time do something to overthrow the Roman rule. They declared Him "The King of Israel!". Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, fulfilling Zechariah 9:9 *"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey."* Donkeys were widely used in Judea for



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personal travel, especially by the common people, farmers, and traders. They were hardy animals, well-suited for the rocky terrain, and less costly than horses. In Jewish history, kings sometimes rode donkeys in times of peace, not war. For example, Solomon rode King David's mule at his coronation (1 Kings 1:33–38). Donkeys symbolized humility and peaceful intent, unlike horses which symbolized military power. So, Jesus riding a donkey communicated humility and peace, deliberately fulfilling prophecy (Zechariah 9:9) and contrasting with a military messiah on a warhorse, which perhaps was what the people were expecting Him to do as the King of Israel.

**vs 16: His disciples remembered**

In John 11 we read about Caiaphas unknowingly "prophesying" about Christ's death and the impact it would have. Now, the people were doing things that was actually fulfilling prophecy, and they did not know it.

**A GRAIN OF WHEAT (JOHN 12:20-26)**

**20 Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast.**  
**21 Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."**  
**22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.**  
**23 But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.**  
**24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.**  
**25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.**  
**26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.**

Some Greeks who had converted to Judaism had come to worship at the feast and they wanted to see Jesus.

At this point Jesus speaks of His imminent crucifixion and resurrection.  
That is what they really needed to see and understand.

**Vs 24: a grain of wheat**

Jesus teaches us using the analogy of a grain of wheat the death is the pathway to fruitfulness.

There can be no multiplication and fruitfulness without death.

**Vs 25-26: if anyone serves me**



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Jesus then extends this invitation to die to us as His disciples.

However, the promise is clear, if we give up our lives for His sake, we will keep it for eternal life.

If we serve Him, we must follow Him. We must also take the way of the cross, the way of death leading to fruitfulness.

If we serve Him, we will be with Him.

If we serve Him, the Father will honor us.

### **THE RULER OF THIS WORLD IS CAST OUT (JOHN 12:27-36)**

**27 "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.**

**28 Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."**

**29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."**

**30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake.**

**31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.**

**32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."**

**33 This He said, signifying by what death He would die.**

**34 The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"**

**35 Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.**

**36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.**

#### **Vs 27: For this purpose I came to this hour**

This statement clearly expresses to us that Jesus knew His purpose and He knew the timing of the Father for the ultimate purpose.

#### **Vs 28: Father, glorify Your name**

As Jesus had stated previously, He lived to glorify the Father.

And now He was ready to glorify the Father through His death and resurrection.

The Father replied assuring that He had been glorified and will be glorified.

Two powerful outcomes of Christ's death:



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**Vs 31: the ruler of this world will be cast out**

Christ's death was satan's destruction. Satan was cast out, overthrown and displaced from his place of dominion over people, which he had gained through Adam's sin. When we confront satan today, we must remember that Jesus Christ has cast him out, overthrown him, displaced and disarmed him and crushed the head of the serpent.

**Vs 32-33: I will draw all peoples to Myself**

Chris's death would also result in all people being drawn to Jesus. This indeed has happened and continues to happen all over the world.

**Vs 34-36:**

Jesus was referring to Himself and the people did not understand. They had a small window of opportunity to see the Son of Man, the Son of God in the flesh, hear His voice, see the light and believe in Him. Soon, He would be taken away and this opportunity to see Him would be gone.

**HIS COMMAND IS EVERLASTING LIFE (JOHN 12:37-50)**

**37 But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, 38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?"**

**39 Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:**

**40 "HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HARDENED THEIR HEARTS, LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, LEST THEY SHOULD UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEARTS AND TURN, SO THAT I SHOULD HEAL THEM."**

**41 These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.**

**42 Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue;**

**43 for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.**

**44 Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me.**

**45 And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.**

**46 I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.**

**47 And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.**

**48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.**



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**49 For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.**

**50 And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."**

Yet many did not believe in Him because the people were spiritually blind.

**Vs 42-43**

This is a rather sad commentary that many people even though they believed in Jesus did not come out publicly to confess faith in Him. They wanted to approval of man, more than receiving approval from God.

Ultimately those who reject Jesus will be judged by and according to the words and message of Jesus which they heard and rejected.

**CHAPTER THIRTEEN: THE SERVANT**

**I HAVE GIVEN YOU AN EXAMPLE (JOHN 13:1-20)**

**1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.**

**2 And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him,**

**3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God,**

**4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.**

**5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.**

**6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"**

**7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."**

**8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."**

**9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!"**

**10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."**

**11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."**



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**12** So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"

**13** You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am.

**14** If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

**15** For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

**16** Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.

**17** If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

**18** "I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'HE WHO EATS BREAD WITH ME HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.'

**19** Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He.

**20** Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

**Vs 1: ..when Jesus knew that His hour had come..**

Again, a statement of Jesus being in tune with the Father's timings for His life.

**Vs 1: ...having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.**

Speaking to us about the genuineness and constancy of His love for the people whom He served.

**Vs 14-17,20: ...you also ought to wash one another's feet...you should do as I have done to you**

In the light of His departure, and that His disciples would now represent Him in this world, what kind of disciples did Jesus want? He set an example, an unforgettable example. He, our Lord and Teacher, washed the feet of those whom He served. And He wants us to do the same. These are the kinds of followers and messengers Jesus wants us to be. People who would wash other's feet and serve them. Jesus said that we are blessed if we do this.

**Vs 18-19: Betrayed by my own familiar friend**

Jesus knew what the Scriptures had foretold about His betrayal. Psalm 41:9 "Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me."

**ONE OF YOU WILL BETRAY ME (JOHN 13:21-30)**



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**21 When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."**

**22 Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke.**

**23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.**

**24 Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.**

**25 Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"**

**26 Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.**

**27 Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."**

**28 But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him.**

**29 For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy those things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor.**

**30 Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.**

**Vs 21: ...He was troubled in spirit,...**

It is interesting to observe from chapters 11, and here in 13, how Jesus was moved in His spirit.

Here it states "He was troubled in spirit".

This teaches us to be sensitive and attune to the Holy Spirit in our spirit.

#### **A NEW COMMANDMENT (JOHN 13:31-38)**

**31 So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him.**

**32 If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately.**

**33 Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you.**

**34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.**

**35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."**

**36 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward."**

**37 Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake."**

**38 Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.**





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In Chapter 13 we see Jesus two final instructions to His disciples.

- 1, serve one another with humility as He served
- 2, Love one another as He has loves us

**SUMMARY**

**GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL**

**SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME**

**Minister as the Spirit leads**



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**Sunday August 17, 2025 – Sermon Outline**

This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

**Preparation**

**Life Group Leader:** To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group. All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

**LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture references: *Kindly read John 11-13 before the Life Group meeting*

**INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.



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*1, How should we understand Jesus' statement in John 11:4 "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."*

*2, Discuss John 11:40 "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" in the context of John 11 and all that took place in John 11. What spiritual insights can we draw from John 11:40?*

*3, How do we apply what Jesus stated in John 11:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain."*

*4, Based on John 13, what are the two messages Jesus communicated to His disciples and to us on how we should conduct ourselves as His representatives?*

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey**

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another**

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

*1, families to be protected and strengthened*

*2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*

*3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.*

Close by thanking God together.



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### USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

**YOUTUBE:** <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

**WEBSITE:** <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

**CHURCH:** <https://apcwo.org>

**FREE SERMONS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

**FREE BOOKS:** <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

**JESUS CHRIST:** <https://examiningjesus.com>

**BIBLE COLLEGE:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

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**WEEKEND SCHOOLS:** <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

**COUNSELING:** <https://chrysalislife.org>

**MUSIC:** <https://apcmusic.org>

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**CHURCH APP:** <https://apcwo.org/app>

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**WORLD MISSIONS:** <https://apcworldmissions.org>

### SERMON OUTLINE

We study John chapters 11-13 and draw insights from the resurrection miracle of Lazarus, the teaching of Jesus about the grain of wheat which bears much fruit when it dies, and the two final commandments and instructions Jesus gave to His disciples on how to conduct themselves in order to represent Him to the world. This sermon includes free audio (mp3) and video of this powerful, motivational, expository teaching, free printable PDF sermon outlines, sermon notes and small group study guide with discussion questions and presentation slides. All resources (sermon PDF, sermon MP3, sermon video, sermon presentation) are free for use in personal study, small groups, Bible study prayer groups, local churches, conferences, Bible colleges, etc.

### KEYWORDS

Gospel of John, John Book Study, John chapters 11-13, Lazarus, resurrection, grain of wheat, wash one another's feet, love one another, sermons, sermon notes, sermon outline, free sermon notes, free sermon outlines, Bible study resources

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