

Jesus: The Resurrection and the Life

John 11:17-44

Introduction: The four gospel writers Matthew, Mark, Luke and John record 37 miracles of Jesus, yet there were many more that were not recorded. Only seven of the innumerable miracles Jesus did are found in John's gospel. John carefully selected just seven miracles to report because John was trying to prove **one thing** and get **one response**:

These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name (John 20:31)

Of the seven miracles, none comes close to the profound human implications or the viciously deadly response that came from the raising of Lazarus from the dead.

The Recap (vs. 1-16)

Dead on Arrival in Bethany (vs. 17-22)

Why God Cries (vs. 33-35)

The Resurrection Miracle (vs. 38-44)

Conclusion: What does Lazarus' world changing life, death and resurrection teach us?

1. Death is a certainty for every man.

"Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment." (Hebrews 9:27)

2. Death is too personal and too permanent to leave to speculation.

3. Jesus has power over death.

"I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25)

4. Faith alone in Jesus guarantees us power over death.

"He who believes in me will live, even though he dies." (John 11:25)