

## The Stench is Gone

John 11:25-57

Jesus Christ raises His children from the bondage of sin and Satan. He removes the stench they so desperately try to cover up with the clothes and perfumes of this world. He resurrects, cleanses and washes. The raising of Lazarus is the final of seven “signs,” John presents in order that we might believe, *Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written 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 20:30-31). The raising of Lazarus immediately had a profound influence. *It* was so remarkable, so well known, so widespread that it inflamed Jesus opponents like nothing ever had. This sign points to the power of the resurrection on several levels: for the transforming power of new life in Christ; for the final resurrection of the body; and for the intercession of the resurrected Lord from heaven.

### *The message*

### *The Interpretation: three levels of understanding*

I. The Story of what happened, v1-43

II. The result of what happened, v44-57

Applications:

## **Words for Kids to Listen for**

Lazarus

Mary

Martha

Delay

Jesus wept

He stinketh

Lazarus come forth