

I AM the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:1-19) Part I

- Jesus came into this world to deliver His sheep from death (10:10)
- Jesus came: reverse the curse of sin, death & destroy the works of the devil
- **Heb 9: 27-28** speaks of Messiah's total deliverance of His people

I. A Fearful Expectation of Death – Lazarus Is Sick (11:1-3)

- John gives background information about this family (v.1; 12:1-8)
- The sisters sent word to Jesus: The one who you love is sick (11:3)
- Jesus owes us nothing but His love is everything: 1 John 4:11

II. Death Is Turned aside – “this...is not unto death” (11: 4-6)

- Jesus' point, “Death will not be the final outcome of this sickness”
- John: Jesus wanted the sisters to trust Him with the outcome (11:5)
- Jesus delayed His arrival by another two days: Lazarus was truly dead

III. Death Confronted – “Lazarus is dead” 11: 7-16

- The disciples had to face the threat of their own death (11:8-10)
- The disciples had to face the grip of death (11: 11-15)
- The disciples had to be willing to accept death (11:16-17)

Conclusion (11: 17-19)

- Jesus arrived & found that Lazarus had been dead for four days (v.17)
- Being close to Jerusalem, meant many Jews came to mourn Lazarus
- Being close to Jerusalem, signaled that Jesus was approaching the cross
- Facing death is inescapable – we must be ready for it: Heb 9: 27; 2 Cor 5:10,11; 2 Thess 1:7-9