



Signs of glory

A sermon series on John

Glorious Life

John 11:1-53

Father we love you,
we worship and adore you
glorify your name in all the earth
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Jesus we love you,
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Spirit we love you,
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— John 11:1-4,26

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

John 11:1-53

Main idea: Lazerus died so Jesus might be glorified...and we might have hope not only for tomorrow, but for today!

- The Dilemma of Death
- Ministry to Mary: The God Who Feels Deeply
- Ministry to Martha: Hope For Tomorrow and Hope for Today

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- John 11:1-3, 5-6

“Trials afford God a platform for his working in our lives. Without them I would never know how kind, how powerful, how gracious he is.”

-Hudson Taylor

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- John 11:4

11 After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” 12 The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” 13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, 15 and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe.

- John 11:11-15

Here we see that God allows us to go through dark times, so that:

1. Our faith might grow
2. God's glory might be revealed
3. More people might come to know his saving power.

32 Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. 34 And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” 35 Jesus wept. 36 So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” 37 But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

- John 11:32-37

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

—Romans 5:12

20 So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. 21 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 from 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 on the last day.” 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who 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 coming into the world.”

- John 11:20-27

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- John 11:26-27

Sign: Rising Lazerus From the Dead

Meaning: Jesus has come to bring spiritual life to spiritually dead people.

38 Then Jesus, deeply moved again (lit. “with a determined grunt”), came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” 40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.

42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” 43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

- John 11:38-44

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10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

- Romans 5:10