

PORTRAIT OF A FAMILY CRISIS

JOHN 11:1-16

I. THE CONTRIBUTION OF THIS SIGN MIRACLE WITH REGARDS TO THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST TO THE POPULACE

- A. No One Would Ever Be Able To Say That They Were Left Destitute Of Evidence As To His True Identity
- B. It Was Designed To Instill In The Minds Of Men An Acceptance Of The Fact That God Was Doing Something Amazing In Their Day

II. THE CONTRIBUTION OF THIS SIGN MIRACLE WITH REGARDS TO THE PROPER WAY TO HANDLE A FAMILY CRISIS (11:1-16)

- A. Introduction To A Family And Their Desire (11:1-2)
 - 1. Lazarus (11:1)
 - 2. Lazarus' Two Sisters (11:2)
- B. The Sisters Turn To Christ In The Midst Of The Crisis (11:3-7)
 - 1. The Form Of Their Communication Is Very Instructive (11:3)
 - a. They Recognized That The Lord Had Endearred Himself To Them
 - b. Without Demanding Anything, They Exhibited A Quiet Confidence That The Lord Would Do What Was Best
 - 2. Christ's Response To The Crisis Is Very Interesting (11:4-7)
 - a. He Revealed The Ultimate Purpose For The Crisis (11:4)
 - b. He Pursued God's Glory But Never In Contradiction To His Love For Those Suffering (11:5)
 - c. He Delayed His Going Because Of His Love (11:6-7)
- C. The Lord's Disciples Are Concerned For Their Own Safety (11:8-16)
 - 1. The Lord Answers With A Proverb (11:9-10)

- a. The Immortality Of An Obedient Life Until That Life's Work Is Done
 - b. The Insecurity Of A life That Is Not Obedient
 2. The Lord Announced Lazarus' Death And What He Was Going To Do About It (11:11-14)
 3. The Lord Is Going To Have A Ministry With His Disciples Within The Realm Of Their Faith (11:15)
- D. Thomas Represented An Unhealthy Fatalism (11:16)