

THE RAISING OF LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD

JOHN 11:17-45

I. THE LORD MINISTERED CERTAIN ASSURANCES TO MARTHA THAT WERE DESIGNED TO SOLICIT FROM HER AN EVEN GREATER CONFESSION (11:22-32)

- A. Assurance About Lazarus: *"Thy Brother Shall Rise Again!"* (11:23)
 - 1. Martha Believed It To Be A General Statement In Application
 - 2. Martha May Have Taken It As A Cold Kind Of Comfort That Failed To Meet The Immediate Need

- B. Assurance About Christ: *"I Am The Resurrection And The Life!"* (11:25)
 - 1. Martha's Response Is Similar To That Of Peter's At Caesarea Philippi (11:27)
 - 2. Martha Realized She Needed To Improve Upon Her Previous Statement in (11:22)

II. THE LORD MINISTERED TO MARY A REMARKABLE WINDOW INTO HIS LIFE (11:33-36)

- A. His Spirit Was Moved On A Deep Level (11:33)

- B. His Eyes Welled With Tears (11:35)

III. THE LORD MINISTERS TO ALL OF US YET ANOTHER INFALLIBLE PROOF THAT HE IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE, AS EVIDENCED IN THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

- A. His Request That The Stone Be Removed Was A Preparation That Had Several Purposes (11:39-40)
 - 1. For Martha
 - 2. For The Onlookers

- B. His Verbal Command To Lazarus Was The Most Stupendous Thing He Had Ever Done Up To That Point (11:41-45)