

RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS (John 11:1-46)

This is the last of the “signs” recorded by John as evidence that Jesus is the Christ. This miracle, often called the greatest, is a fitting climax to the earthly work of Jesus. It is the excellent example of what Jesus came to do for men - to bring them from death to life (John 10:10).

Shortly before He left Jerusalem for His Perean ministry Jesus had been entertained in the home of Mary and Martha. Their brother called Lazarus, became sick when Jesus was way beyond Jordan. The sisters sent a messenger asking Jesus to come heal Lazarus.

1. What did Jesus say about Lazarus’ sickness? (John 11: 4) _____

2. Lazarus did die, What did Jesus mean by, *This sickness is not unto death*? _____

3. What was Jesus’ feelings for Martha and her sister and Lazarus? (John 11: 5) _____

When Jesus started to go to them the disciples reminded Him that the Jews had tried to stone Him when He was there the last time. *Jesus answered,*

TWENTY EIGHTH STUDY

PEREAN MINISTRY CONTINUED PART II THE ACTUAL EXPERIENCE OF TWO BEGGERS (Luke 16:19-31)

Luke 16:19a-20a— *There was a certain rich man...
And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus.*

Some try to say this story of a rich man was just another parable. If so, Jesus told an untruth, because He said *there was*. Christ never did use lies to illustrate truths. Also, in no parable of Christ is a person named.

1. Describe Lazarus. (Luke 16: 21,22) _____

2. What was the contrasted experience of both, Lazarus, and the rich man in death? (Luke 16: 22,23)
(a) Lazarus _____

(b) Rich Man _____

3. In verses 23-31, see how many torments of the Rich Man you can list. _____

Torments of Hell/Fire and Brimstone—Matthew 25:41,46; Revelation 14:9-11; 20:11-15; 21:8; Isaiah 66:22-24.

OFFENCES, FORGIVENESS, FAITH AND FAITHFULNESS (Luke 17:1-10; ref. Matthew 18:6,7)

1. Concerning Offences: (Luke 17:1,2;) Mark an "X" on correct statements
 - (a) It is impossible for us not to face offences.
 - (b) If we do right, though, we can avoid them
 - (c) Woe to those through whom they come!
 - (d) Jesus said He was going to hang a millstone around the offender's neck and cast him into the sea.
 - (e) All the above
2. Concerning Forgiveness: (Luke 17:3,4; Matthew 18:15): Jesus quickly moved from offences to instructions in forgiveness. Mark an "X" on the correct statement.
 - (a) If your brother trespass against you, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him , even if he does it seven times a day.
 - (b) If he repent, forgive him, but warn others about him.
3. Concerning Faith Increase (Luke 17:5,6): The apostles responded to this teaching on forgiveness, by requesting that the Lord would strengthen their faith.
 - (a) And the Lord said, *If ye had faith as a _____ of _____, ye might say unto this Sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the ____; and it _____ you.* (Luke 17:6)Faith as small as a grain of mustard seed would Give them power with which to pluck up a tree and command that it be planted in the sea.

4. Concerning Faithfulness (Luke 17:7-10): On the other hand, they should not become elated by the use of this power but should remember that it is God's power entrusted to them as His servants. To illustrate this Jesus spoke of a hired man on the farm who finished his work in the field and returned to the farmhouse. Jesus asked if it was customary that such a servant be invited to come in and sit down at the table with the owner for whom he worked. Christ said it would rather be expected that the servant would prepare the meal and serve it to his master.
 - (a) How does Luke 17:10 relate to your duty in service to Christ? _____

PARABLE OF THE UNJUST JUDGE (Luke 18:1-8)

Here, Jesus is telling a parable of a hardhearted judge who feared neither God nor man. A widow in that city appealed to him to defend her against a person who was taking advantage of her. But the judge was not interested and ignored her. However, she kept on coming to him, and finally he granted her request in order to get rid of her. How much more will God hearken to the cry of His own children who cry day and night unto Him, though sometimes He delays to answer them?