

The Greater Need

John 11:1-16

**Jesus Needs To Raise You Spiritually More Than Heal You
Physically**

A. A Specific Someone (11:1-3)

1. A special family (11:1)

Luke 10:38-42

2. A special request (11:3)

Philippians 4:6

Hebrews 4:16

3. A special reason (11:3)

1 John 4:9

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B. A Specific Sickness (11:4-6)

1. The symptoms involved (11:4)

a. Not unto death

b. For the glory of God

John 9:3-4

2. The special declaration (11:5)

Romans 5:5

3. The specific delay (11:6)

Psalms 27:14

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C. A Specific Trip (11:7-16)

1. With no return (11:7)

2. With negative recollection (11:8)

Psalm 56:4

1 John 4:18

3. With necessary resolve (11:9-10)

4. With needed reasons (11:11-15)

a. To refine the disciples' thinking (vv 11-13)

b. To revive Lazarus (v 14)

c. To reveal Himself to the disciples

5. With resignation (11:16)

Raising The Dead
John 11:17-46

Difficult Trials Reveal The Level Of Our Faith

I. The Tests Of Faith In The Situation (11:17-29)

A. When we feel God is not quick enough (11:17-20)

John 11:17-20

17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.

18 Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:

19 And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house.

I. The Tests Of Faith In The Situation (11:17-29)

B. When we feel God is not doing enough (11:21-24)

1. In work (vv 21-22)

John 11:21-22

21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

I. The Tests Of Faith In The Situation (11:17-29)

**B. When we feel God is not doing enough (11:21-22)
(continued)**

2. In word (vv 23-24)

John 11:23-24

23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

**24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again
in the resurrection at the last day.**

Daniel 12:1-2 (Next slide)

Daniel 12:1-2

1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

I. The Tests Of Faith In The Situation (11:17-29)

C. When God is not known enough (11:25-27)

John 11:25-27

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

I. The Tests Of Faith In The Situation (11:17-29)

D. When we do not feel God's presence enough (11:28-29)

John 11:28-29

28 And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

29 As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him.

II. The Misconceptions In The Situation (11:30-37)

A. Of Mary's departure (11:30-31)

John 11:30-31

30 Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

31 The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.

II. The Misconceptions In The Situation (11:30-37)

B. Of Christ's plan (11:32-33)

John 11:32-33

32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled.

1 Thessalonians 4:13

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

II. The Misconceptions In The Situation (11:30-37)

C. Of Christ's reaction (11:34-36)

John 11:34-36

34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

35 Jesus wept.

36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

Hebrews 3:10

Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.

II. The Misconceptions In The Situation (11:30-37)

D. Of Christ's power (11:37)

John 10:37

And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

III. The Reasons For This Situation (11:38-46)

A. To see the glory of God (11:38-40)

1. Christ's intensity (vv 38-39)

John 11:38-39

38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

2. Christ's intent (v 40)

John 10:40

Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

III. The Reasons For This Situation (11:38-46)

B. To see Christ's relationship with God (11:41-42)

1. Intimate (vv 41)

John 11:41

Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

2. Inseparable (vv 42)

John 10:42

And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

III. The Reasons For This Situation (11:38-46)

C. To see the power of the Word of God (11:43-46)

1. The call (v 43)

John 11:43

And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

2. The command (v 44)

John 11:44

And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

III. The Reasons For This Situation (11:38-46)

**C. To see the power of the Word of God (11:43-46)
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3. The consequences (vv 45-46)

John 11:45-46

45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

46 But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.

**Does Your Faith Need
Reviving?**