

## ***THE NEED OF THE DEAD—LIFE’S RESURRECTING***

### Message 3

#### **John 11:11-14, 41-44**

He said these things, and after this He said to them, Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going that I may wake him out of sleep. <sup>12</sup> The disciples then said to Him, Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover. <sup>13</sup> But Jesus had spoken about his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup> So Jesus then told them plainly, Lazarus has died...

<sup>41</sup> Then they took the stone away. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. <sup>42</sup> And I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the crowd standing around, I said it, that they may believe that You have sent Me. <sup>43</sup> And when He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, Lazarus, come out! <sup>44</sup> And he who had died came out, bound hand and foot with cloths, and his face was bound about with a handkerchief. Jesus said to them, Loose him and let him go.

### **I. The basic problem of fallen mankind in the last three cases of John**

#### **A. Sin**

**John 8:34** ...Truly, truly, I say to you, Everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin.

#### **B. Blindness**

**John 9:1** As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.

#### **C. Death**

**John 11:14** Jesus then told them plainly, Lazarus has died.

### **II. Death—the last negative factor affecting man’s entire being**

**1 Cor. 15:26** Death, the last enemy, is being abolished.

#### **A. Deadened in our spirit**

**Eph. 2:1** And you, though dead in your offenses and sins

#### **B. Our soul under death’s influence**

**Rom. 8:6** The mind set on the flesh is death...

**Eph. 2:2-3** In which you once walked according to the age of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit which is now operating in the sons of disobedience; <sup>3</sup> among whom we also all conducted ourselves once in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the thoughts...

#### **C. The body of this death**

**Rom. 7:24** Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from the body of this death?

**Rom. 8:10** If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin...

### III. The Lord's delay

**John 11:4-6** When Jesus heard it, He said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, in order that the Son of God may be glorified through it. <sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> When therefore He heard that he was sick, He remained at that time in the place where He was for two days.

#### A. To reveal the Lord as the life-giving Savior

**John 11:25** Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live.

**John 10:10** ...I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.

**John 5:21** Just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom He wills.

#### B. Not to help our natural life but to bring our whole being into resurrection

##### 1. The initial stage of resurrection—regeneration

**John 3:6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

**Rom. 8:10** If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.

##### 2. The continuing stage of resurrection—sanctification and transformation

**John 17:17** Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

**2 Cor. 3:18** We all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

##### 3. The consummate stage of resurrection—glorification

**Phil. 3:21** He will transfigure the body of our humiliation to be conformed to the body of His glory, according to His operation by which He is able even to subject all things to Himself.

**2 Cor. 5:4** We who are in this tabernacle groan, being burdened, in that we do not desire to be unclothed, but clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

### IV. The way to receive the Lord's life-giving in resurrection

#### A. Dropping our human opinion and submitting to the Lord's leading and revelation

##### 1. The Disciples

**John 11:7-8, 11-14** Then after this He said to the disciples, Let us go into Judea again. <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to Him, Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and You are going there again?... <sup>11</sup> He said these things, and after this He said to them, Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going that I may wake him out of sleep. <sup>12</sup> The disciples then said to Him, Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover. <sup>13</sup> But Jesus had spoken about his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup> So Jesus then told them plainly, Lazarus has died.

## 2. Martha

**John 11:21-25** Then Martha said to Jesus, Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You. <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, Your brother will rise again. <sup>24</sup> Martha said to Him, I know that he will rise again in the resurrection in the last day. <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;

## 3. Mary

**John 11:32** Mary, when she came to where Jesus was, saw Him and fell at His feet, saying to Him, Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

## 4. The Jews

**John 11:35-37** Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> The Jews then said, Behold how He loved him! <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind man also have caused that this man would not die?

## 5. Martha Again

**John 11:39** Jesus said, Take away the stone. Martha, the sister of him who was deceased, said to Him, Lord, by now he smells, for it is the fourth day that he is there.

**John 11:43-44** When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, Lazarus, come out! <sup>44</sup> And he who had died came out, bound hand and foot with cloths, and his face was bound about with a handkerchief. Jesus said to them, Loose him and let him go.

## 6. New Testament Application

**Acts 9:11, 13** The Lord said to him, Rise up and go to the lane called Straight, and seek in the house of Judas a man from Tarsus named Saul; for behold, he is praying... <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard from many concerning this man, how many evil things he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem.

**Acts 10:13-14** A voice came to him: Rise up, Peter; slay and eat! <sup>14</sup> But Peter said, By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything common and unclean.

### A. Cooperating with the Lord to loose others and be loosed by others from earthly bondage

**John 11:44** He who had died came out, bound hand and foot with cloths, and his face was bound about with a handkerchief. Jesus said to them, Loose him and let him go.

#### 1. By calling on His name

**John 20:31** ...You may have life in His name.

**Acts 22:16** Why do you delay? Rise up and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on His name.

**1 Cor. 12:3** ...No one can say, Jesus is Lord! except in the Holy Spirit.

#### 2. By touching the Spirit in the word

**Eph. 6:17-18** Receive the helmet of salvation and sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God, <sup>18</sup> by means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit...

**3. By finding Him in the morning**

**John 20:15-16** Jesus said to her, Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking? She, supposing that He was the gardener, said to Him, Sir if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away. <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her Mary! She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, Rabboni! (which means Teacher).

**4. By confessing His name before men**

**Matt. 10:32** Everyone therefore who will confess in Me before men, I also will confess in him before My Father who is in the heaven.