

Study Notes for John 11 (Part 1) :1-44

- Why is the mention of Lazarus' village in **verse 1** important to the narrative of the story?
- What do you know about Martha and Mary based on other references in the Bible?
- Why do you think John stresses Jesus' love for Lazarus and his sisters in this account
- In **verse 4** what purpose does Jesus reveal for the death of Lazarus?
- Jesus' disciples warn Him that going to Bethany, less than two miles from Jerusalem, is highly dangerous (**11:8**). What is the point Jesus makes in response (**11:9–10**) and what is the meaning of walking in daylight versus walking in the nighttime?
- What does Jesus' response tell you about His character and priorities (**11:9–11**)?
- What was Jesus trying to convey to Martha when He declared Himself to be “the resurrection and the life”? (11:25)
- Read **verses 25 and 26** again. How could you use these verses to share the Gospel with someone?
- Why do you think Jesus was deeply moved and wept at the tomb of Lazarus (11:33–38)?
- What did you think about Pastor Paul's suggestion that “deeply moved” in the Greek may include an expression of anger? What would Jesus have to be angry about?
- How did Jesus respond to Martha's objection to rolling away the stone? (11:40)
- The book of Acts tells us that both Peter and Paul were involved in raising people from the dead during their ministries. How do those events differ from Jesus raising Lazarus?
- What do you think God wants us to know about Himself based on this passage?
- How does this passage change the way you view the death of the body?