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The Gospel of John Sermon Series
Supports Session 13: I Am the Resurrection
Sermon Title: "Do You Believe This?" (John 11:1-44)

Connection to Session 13

This sermon seeks to expand further upon John 11. This text shows us the incredible power that Jesus has over death. The resurrection of Lazarus is a foreshadowing of the resurrection of Jesus.

Introduction/Opening

We all experience some form of loss in this life, whether it be the loss of a loved one, relative, or a close friend. The Savior of the world knows the pain of loss. John tells of the passing of one of Jesus's friends, Lazarus. Jesus mourned and wept over His friend's death. Despite the grief that death brings, Christians can have hope because the Lord Jesus Christ is: "the Resurrection and the Life." Do you truly believe this?

Outline

1. Jesus's Choice (11:1-16)
 - a) When Jesus first hears of Lazarus's sickness, He does not immediately go to him. What is His reasoning? "This sickness will not end in death but is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it" (v. 4).
 - b) Once Jesus hears of Lazarus's death, He decides to go to him (vv. 14-15). God has a plan, despite what our circumstances may look like.
2. Jesus's Statement and Promise (11:17-25)
 - a) The statement: I am the Resurrection and the Life
 1. When Jesus arrived in Bethany, Martha went out to meet Jesus. She told Him that if He had been there, her brother would still be alive. Jesus responded by saying, "Your brother will rise again" (v. 23). Martha does not fully understand so Jesus goes on to explain. Jesus stated that He is the resurrection and the life (v. 25). Resurrection and eternal life are only found in Jesus.
 - b) The Promise: You Will Never Die
 1. Jesus's promise is that everyone who believes in Him, even if they die, they will live (v. 25). They will have eternal life.

3. Jesus's Question (11:26)

a) The Question: Do you believe this? (11:26)

1. After Jesus declared that He is the resurrection and the life, He asked Martha if she believes what He is saying. Do we believe Jesus's statement today?

4. Jesus's Call (11:43)

a) Jesus called to Lazarus: "Lazarus, come out!" (v. 43) Lazarus emerged from the grave! We see the powerful call of Christ.

b) Jesus calls for all sinners to believe and trust in Him. Have you responded to His call? Who are you calling to trust in Christ?

Conclusion

At the end of this account there are no reporters seeking to get a statement from Lazarus about what it was like to not have a heartbeat or what he saw over those four days. Lazarus does not say anything. However, at the very center of this sign is the power of the Lord Jesus Christ over death. Do you believe that Jesus is the resurrection and the life?

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