

You Only Live Twice

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JOHN 11:1-54

Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

(Observation)

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matter, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

(Interpretation)

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

(Application)

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience. How will it change your life?



One of the most remarkable and astonishing signs that Jesus performs is raising Lazarus from the dead. Today we want to take a closer look at this amazing event in which Jesus shows His authority over life and death. Death is one of the most tragic aspects of man, yet, it is overcome in Christ. Jesus shows incredible compassion on Mary and Martha as they suffer the loss of their brother and struggle to find hope. We must ask ourselves, do we have the same compassion for those that have no hope in Christ?



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● EXAMINE His Word (Observation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read John 11:1-54 (NASB)

Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.² It was the Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.³ So the sisters sent word to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."⁴ But when Jesus heard this, He said, "This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it."⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.⁶ So when He heard that he was sick, He then stayed two days longer in the place where He was.⁷ Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."⁸ The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and are You going there again?"⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.¹⁰ But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."¹¹ This He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, so that I may awaken him out of sleep."¹² The disciples then said to Him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover."¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He was speaking of literal sleep.¹⁴ So Jesus then said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead,¹⁵ and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe; but let us go to him."¹⁶ Therefore Thomas, who is called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, so that we may die with Him."¹⁷ So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days.¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off;¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother.²⁰ Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary stayed at the house.²¹ Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.²² Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."²⁴ Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"²⁷ She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world."

²⁸ When she had said this, she went away and called Mary her sister, saying secretly, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and was coming to Him.

³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met Him.

³¹ Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and consoling her, when they saw that Mary got up quickly and went out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

³² Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."³³ When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled,³⁴ and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see."³⁵ Jesus wept.³⁶ So the Jews were saying, "See how He loved him!"³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have kept this man also from dying?"

³⁸ So Jesus, again being deeply moved within, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.³⁹ Jesus said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days."⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"⁴¹ So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.⁴² I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me."

⁴³ When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth.” ⁴⁴ The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary, and saw what He had done, believed in Him. ⁴⁶ But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them the things which Jesus had done.

⁴⁷ Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, “What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs. ⁴⁸ If we let Him go on like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” ⁴⁹ But one of them,

Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all, ⁵⁰ nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you that one man die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish.” ⁵¹ Now he did not say this on his own initiative, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, ⁵² and not for the nation only, but in order that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³ So from that day on they planned together to kill Him.

⁵⁴ Therefore Jesus no longer continued to walk publicly among the Jews, but went away from there to the country near the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim; and there He stayed with the disciples.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in this passage that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and Metaphors?

🔍 **EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)**

What does God MEAN?

1. Why do you think Jesus waited to go to Lazarus instead of leaving right away?
2. In verse 16, why did Thomas say, "Let us also go, so that we may die with Him."?
3. Why does Martha believe Lazarus would not have died if Jesus had been there?
4. Why was Jesus deeply moved in verse 33?
5. In verse 22, Martha says God will give Jesus whatever He asks. Why does she then question Jesus when He asks to move the stone in verse 39?
6. In verse 53, the Pharisees are planning to kill Jesus from that time on. Why do they want to kill Him after hearing about Lazarus?

