



Sunday, July 19, 2009: The Seventh Sign: Life from the Dead

Scripture: John 11:1-46

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Sermon Notes:

1. Purpose of the signs are that we might believe on Christ and have life by His name.
2. Jesus' dual purpose is to glorify His Father and to redeem us from the power of death.
3. This miracle leads directly to Jesus' death insofar as the Jews are incited to plot against him.
4. Lazarus' family appeals to Jesus for help on the basis of His love for the family.
5. God's work is not just general, but God has specific love for particular individuals.
6. In our time the very idea of the family is dishonored. Our nation is in a period of decline and degeneration.
7. Jesus show expressions of love which affirm His true humanity.
8. Jesus doesn't do miracles simply on the request of others. The purpose is to glorify God. In allowing Lazarus to die, Jesus is bringing about greater glory to God, and saving others.
9. Though this trip appears to lead to death, the Lord turns the situation into victory.
10. Stress rates are down, and recovery rates are up for those who entrust their lives to the Lord.
11. Jesus was angry and weeping. This reminds us of His full humanity, at a moment when His deity is to be manifested.
12. Many modern groups try to make out that there were many early Christian sects and 'gospels' which held Jesus to be

only human, but these actually make Jesus out to be otherworldly, ghostlike, and mythical.

13. Christians, like Jesus, should be angry when faced with rebellion against God's rule and order. All that's against Christ should cause us to burn with anger, and call us to action in terms of truth, and righteousness, and justice.
14. The voice of the Son of God pierced death itself. This was a sign of what Calvary was about to unleash, when Jesus says "it is finished."
15. Lazarus attended death's funeral. Only Christ can speak life to a corpse.
16. Rather than believe the sign, the authorities plotted to kill him.
17. How can people reject such clear signs? We're in rebellion against God.

Application Questions:

1. Paul's sufferings are listed in 2 Cor. 11:23-28. How were Paul's sufferings turned into glory for God and victory for Christ's kingdom?
2. When we are commanded not to speak about Christ, should we obey men rather than God?
3. Do I have faith in an event (such as baptism) or am I trusting in the living Lord Jesus for my life?
4. Apart from Jesus and Lazarus, how many other people were raised from the dead according to biblical records? How was God glorified in each of these resurrections?