

John 11:17

John chapter 11 includes the description of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. For this lesson, you can read here - [John 11:17-37](#), or listen to it by playing the audio file: [John 11-17 thru 11-37.mp3](#). It takes about 2 and a half minutes to listen to this audio clip.

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Think about [John 11:17-19](#).

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.

- What was the condition of Lazarus when Jesus arrived in Bethany?
 - Why had many Jews come to Bethany?
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Think about [John 11:3](#).

So the sisters (Mary and Martha.) sent to him (Jesus), saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."

Think about [John 11:20-21](#).

So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

- What did Martha believe Jesus should have done?
- What would have been the outcome if Jesus had done that?

Think about [John 11:32](#).

Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

- What did Mary believe Jesus should have done?
 - What would have been the outcome if Jesus had done that?
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Think about [John 11:31-37](#).

When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, ... So the Jews said, ... "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

- What did these Jews believe Jesus should have done?
- What would have been the outcome if Jesus had done that?

Think about [John 11:1-17](#).

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ... So the sisters sent to him (Jesus), saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ... So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ... Then Jesus told them (his students) plainly, "Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there" ... Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

- What did Jesus determine to do?

Think about [John 11:3-45](#).

So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ... Then Jesus told them (his students) plainly, "Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. ... Many of the Jews therefore, ... had seen what he (Jesus) did, (he had raised Lazarus from the dead) believed in him,

- What was the outcome of Jesus choosing to let Lazarus die and then raising him back to life?

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- How does this lesson show the difference between the things important to God and the things important to man?

[Matthew 16:21-23](#). From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."