



How Did Raising Others to Life Prepare Jesus for Death?

John 11:4: (NASB) *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.*



Today is Palm Sunday, the day that Christians celebrate Jesus and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. This event was a major step in the preparation of his final days leading to his crucifixion. We will look at three other events spread throughout his ministry that also prepared him and sent a clear message as to who he was. The three events are the three times he raised people from the dead. Were these connected? What was the message?

The three accounts: The son of the widow of Nain, the daughter of Jairus and Lazarus, a friend of Jesus.

We will examine them by the stage of death that Jesus interrupted in each case. The last event, the raising of Lazarus, firmly set in motion the corrupt actions of the Pharisees towards Jesus' death.

(Note: Although the Scriptures seem to indicate Lazarus *did* attend Jesus' procession into Jerusalem, this audio clip assumes he did not.)

 **I can't lose you again, *Our Risen Savior - Mary and Lazarus, skitguys.com***

- (Jesus) *Lazarus, come out!*
- (Mary) *Lazarus, come out! Are you awake? Finally, my brother has risen. I was getting worried about you again.*
- (Lazarus) *How long was I out?*
- (Mary) *Don't be mad but...*
- (Lazarus) *What?*
- (Mary) *We welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem yesterday.*
- (Lazarus) *Mary, why didn't you wake me?*
- (Mary) *I brought you back palm branches though. To keep.*
- (Lazarus) *Mary.*
- (Mary) *I wanted to let you rest. You barely slept at all since...*
- (Lazarus) *Life is a little different when you've been brought back to it.*
- (Mary) *Maybe so, but I still need you to rest.*
- (Lazarus) *No sister. I need to be where he is.*
- (Mary) *I know you think you need to go out and find him right at this moment, but Lazarus, I need you to take care of yourself. I can't lose you again.*

"I need to be where he is." We should carry that thought every day! One way to do that is to look at what he did and how he gave glory to God.

Here is the reaction of the Pharisees to Jesus raising Lazarus:

John 11:5: (NASB) *So from that day on they planned together to kill him.*

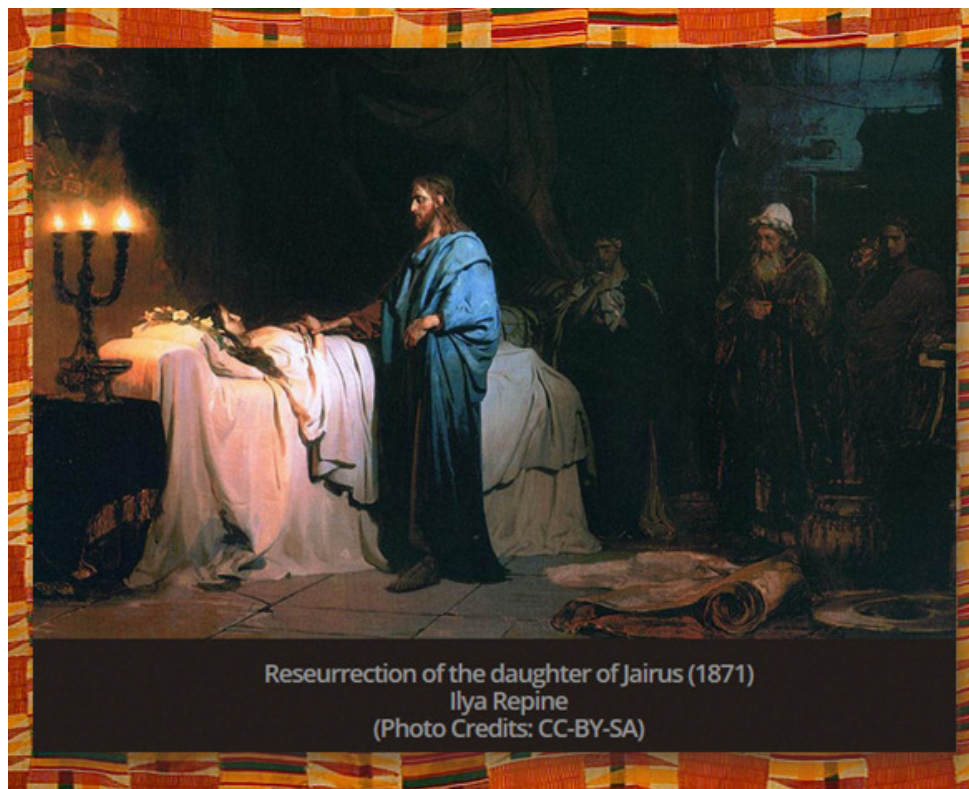


We will ask several key “life and death” questions as we go through the three examples:

- WHO died?
- What KIND OF LOSS was suffered as a result of the death?
- How did Jesus go about THE PROCESS of raising them up? (Urgency? Focus? Public witnesses?)
- WHAT CAN WE LEARN about Jesus’ power over death?



Although chronologically this was the second person Jesus raised from the dead, we first consider **Jairus’ daughter**, because this experience was one where the death had just occurred:



Resurrection of the daughter of Jairus (1871)
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Context: Mark 4 ends with Jesus calming the storm on the Sea of Galilee. He crossed to the east side and healed the demon-possessed man and shortly came back to shore.

Jesus had shown his power over Satan’s grip on the earth by subduing the storm and then Satan’s grip over the mind of man in his healing the demon possessed man. This demonstration of power over Satan would now continue.

Matthew 9:18-26: (NKJV) Mark 5:21-43: (NKJV) Luke 8:40-56: (NKJV)

Using Mark 5:21-43 as a basis, we combine the three accounts to read the whole story, color-coded as shown:

So it was, when Jesus returned, when (he) had crossed over again by boat to the other side (he was arriving over the Sea of Galilee from Gadara to Capernaum), a great multitude gathered to him; welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him by the sea.



Jesus was at a point in his ministry where he was gathering large crowds. He performed dramatic miracles and word was out that he would be coming back to this area, so people flocked to the shore waiting for his boat to come in.

And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw him, he fell at his feet and begged him earnestly, *to come to his house for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age* saying, my little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live. (Matthew's abbreviated account reads "even now is dead." Jairus was a well-respected man, a leader in the temple, who probably knew the centurion whose servant had been healed by Jesus not too long before this).



WHO died?

A 12-year old child

A child is dying. How quickly does Jesus go to save her?

So Jesus arose and followed him, and so did his disciples, and a great multitude followed him and thronged him *as he went*.

Jairus is in a panic. His only daughter is really sick and dying, needing help NOW. But Jesus has a massive crowd around him, slowing him down. Imagine what Jairus was thinking!

Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years; and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she *suddenly* came behind him in the crowd and touched *the hem of his garment*. For she said, *If only I may touch his clothes, I shall be made well*. Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.

This woman has faith that Jesus can heal her if she could just touch his garment hem. Jesus heals her, showing his power over Satan's grip on the sinful and frail human condition. But at this point, Jesus stops to find out who had touched him because *virtue went from him*. When he stops, the massive crowd stops. (Tick, tick, tick...) What about the dying child? What about the frantic father? Jesus was seemingly focusing his attention on the "wrong" 12 years! Interestingly, the daughter was 12 years old and the woman had the hemorrhage for 12 years! Surely Jairus is thinking the woman could have waited until the child was healed...?!

While he was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?



What KIND OF LOSS was suffered

as a result of the death?

The loss of a child



There is nothing more tragic than the loss of a child. This child was the only daughter of a well-respected citizen and her death could have seemingly been avoided had Jesus just paid attention to the urgency of the moment! Such a loss drains away all hope.



Mad at Jesus, Our Risen Savior - Mary and Lazarus, skitguys.com

- (Lazarus sighs) *Ok, tell me everything. What was it like? Did he preach? Did he perform miracles? How many people were there?*
- (Mary) *There were people everywhere. He rode in on a donkey and the road was covered in cloaks and palm branches and everyone was shouting, "Hosanna in the highest!" We must have done that for hours. I bet they could hear us all the way in Galilee. You know, after you died I was so mad at Jesus.*
- (Lazarus) *At Jesus? Mary! I was dead and now I'm alive and it's only because of him.*
- (Mary) *But he knew that you were sick, and he took so long to get here and in that moment I felt you were dead because of him.*
- (Lazarus) *Until I wasn't.*

As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he said to the ruler of the synagogue, *Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well. And he permitted no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James and the father and mother of the girl.*

Jesus now seems focused. He controls the crowd and chooses who can now proceed with him.

Then he came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, *and saw the flute players and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. When he came in, he said to them, make room, why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping. And they ridiculed him knowing that she was dead. But when he had put them all outside, he took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with him, and entered where the child was lying.*

Jesus walks through the scene of tragedy and essentially tells the household there is no tragedy.

Then he took the child by the hand, and said to her, *Talitha, cumi, which is translated, little girl, I say to you, arise. Then her spirit (breath) returned, and she arose immediately. And he commanded that she be given something to eat.*



How did Jesus go about
THE PROCESS of raising them up?

*No specific urgency or focus at the beginning.
No dramatic public witness - only a few in the room.*



WHAT CAN WE LEARN

about Jesus' power over death?

He is Lord over all and could reverse the curse of death and rule of Satan.

This showed Satan his grip on death was terminal!

And they were overcome with great amazement. But he commanded them strictly that no one should know what had happened and the report of this went out into all that land.

How would you react if someone were raised from the dead right before your eyes?

Some argue Jairus' daughter really did not die but scripturally we disagree. Please see the Bonus Material for more on this.

Her death represented the first stage of death - "passing through death's door."

Jesus had shown himself to be Lord of the living and the dead by the averting of the horrible tragedy of the loss of a child. This was the simplest of his three examples of the dead being raised. The next event in context according to Matthew was the healing of two blind men based on their faith, perhaps showing that to truly be able to see beyond the blindness of Satan's sin-sick world, we must live by faith.



A caller from Connecticut asks about people who have been medically dead but are really still alive or somehow "come back from" death?

A lot of the near-death experiences we hear about are just that - near-death. Please refer to CQ program, "Where Does Your Soul Go When You Die?" (Part II) from April 12, 2015.



We next consider the raising of **the son of the widow of Nain**. This chronologically happened before Jairus' daughter, but it represents a second stage of death - burial - the finality of death.



The previous context of Luke 7 was the healing of the Centurion's servant, not by the laying on of hands, but by Jesus' word spoken while absent from the sick man. Jesus' power over Satan was here expanded to include his ability to grant the desire of a Gentile - one outside of favor based on faith.

Luke 7:11-17: (NASB) ¹¹Soon afterwards he went to a city called Nain; and his disciples were going along with him, accompanied by a large crowd. ¹²Now as he approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her.



❓ WHO died?

*The only son of a widow;
a young man in the prime of life.*

Being the only son of a widow, he would have been her provider.

¹³When the Lord saw her, he felt compassion for her, and said to her, do not weep. (This must have been hard for her to hear!) ¹⁴And he came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt.

❓ What KIND OF LOSS was suffered as a result of the death?

The death of an only son would have left the mother destitute.



This was a different tragedy than Jairus’ daughter’s death. While the young man was not an innocent child, he was the one who would have supported and cared for his widowed mother and his death would have left her destitute.

And he said, young man, I say to you, arise! ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother. ¹⁶Fear gripped them all, and they began glorifying God, saying, a great prophet has arisen among us! And, God has visited His people! ¹⁷This report concerning him went out all over Judea and in all the surrounding district.

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- (Mary) It was in that moment that I realized that Jesus was everything we needed. Everything I needed but nothing I expected.
- (Lazarus) Yes, Mary, yes! He did not come here riding on a triumphant horse for glory but to be allies with the powerful. He is power. He is glory. He is triumph.
- (Mary) He’s a king - but one that actually loves his people.



- (Lazarus) *He is a king that will go into death to save us, to stand in front of us, to call us out of our grave clothes and to offer this life that only he can offer. That's our Jesus. That's our Jesus. That's our Jesus!*
- (Mary) *He's the one.*
- (Lazarus) *He is the king and he's come to save us all.*



How did Jesus go about
THE PROCESS of raising them up?

Jesus raised him in front of an entire funeral procession. He did not instruct them to keep quiet.

Jesus raised him on the spot in front of the entire procession and in front of the large crowd that had followed him from Capernaum as well as his disciples. No words to keep things quiet!



What can we learn
about Jesus' power over death?

Jesus displayed power over Satan's lie, "Thou shalt not surely die," and transformed death into a temporary stop as a result of his ransom.

The finality of death as expressed in the rite of burial could not be avoided, for Satan's lie about not dying was exposed with this brutal reality. Jesus displayed power over Satan's lie and transformed death into a temporary stop as a result of his ransom.

The context immediately following this miracle was that of the doubt of John the Baptist. Jesus compassionately answers this doubt with strong assurances of his being the Messiah and then reaffirms John's standing of greatness among prophets. Again we see Jesus displaying power over Satan's grip on the frailty of imperfect man's emotional state.

We so far considered two stages of death: The little girl who had just died and the young man who was on his way to be buried, whose mourners were acknowledging their pain and loss in a formal way.



The raising of **Lazarus** displayed the futility, corruption and ongoing suffering that death brings. The body was already decomposing. This event would prepare Jesus for what was to come in just a few short weeks - his own death.



A caller from Connecticut suggests that Jesus was obsessed with glorifying his Father. Isaiah 65:24: *And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.* God is anxious and ready to answer prayer.



))) **The donkey, Palm Sunday, skitguys.com** (One of the two disciples sent to get the donkey for Jesus to ride into Jerusalem recalls the event.)

- *Okay, let me get this out of the way. I didn't steal that donkey, okay? I borrowed it and it wasn't even my idea. Jesus told me to take it, to borrow it. This is how it happened. Earlier today there was a large group of us and we were traveling from Bethany to Jerusalem. We stopped just outside the city, and Jesus looked at two of us and said there was an un-ridden donkey just inside the village and asked us to go get it. He said if anybody asks us about it we could just look at them and say, "The Lord needs it and will send it back." The two of us beat it into town and the whole time we were like, "What is Jesus going to do with a donkey?" Right? But at this point we realized you don't second-guess Jesus, right? He hadn't told us why and we didn't ask. We just got him a donkey.*



John 11:1-25: (KJV) Selected verses: ¹Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany... ³Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. ⁴When Jesus heard that, he said, this sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. ⁵Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. ⁶When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. ⁷Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again... Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. ¹²Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well... ¹⁴Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

- Jesus knew this experience would bring glory to his Father.
- Jesus knew this experience would bring his own glory.
- Jesus knew this would be the most astounding miracle yet!
- Jesus knew the raising (not healing) of Lazarus was necessary to seal Jesus' own identity - unmistakable proof of his being the son of God.

¹⁷Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already... ¹⁹And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. ²⁰Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house. ²¹Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. ²²But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. ²³Jesus saith unto her, thy brother shall rise again. ²⁴Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. ²⁵Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

- Jesus (finally) arrives, as the mourning of Lazarus' death is widespread.
- Jesus' arrival is seemingly too late.
- Jesus proclaims the fulfillment of his ministry.

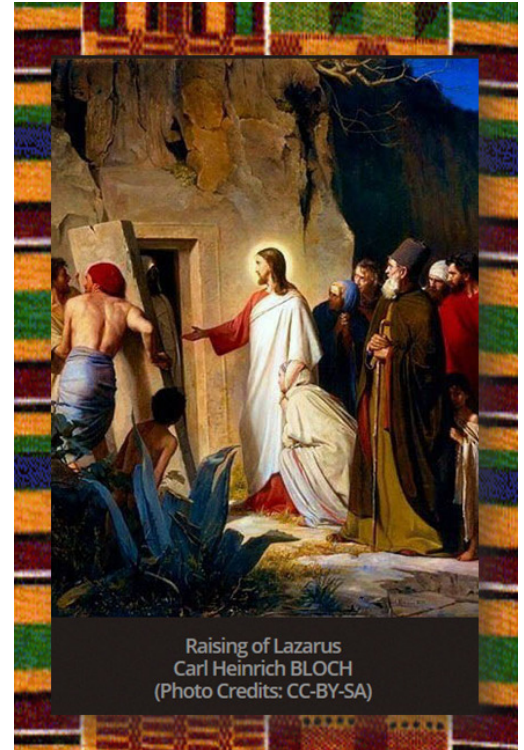


? WHO died?

*Lazarus, a friend of Jesus
and devoted provider for Lazarus' two sisters.*

During his ministry, this would have been Jesus' second experience of such a close loss - John the Baptist being the first. John's death would have signified his ministry's full *beginning* as the last of the Old Testament prophets died and Lazarus' death would signify the *end* of his ministry.

Jesus defied the death of Lazarus so that Jesus would be hunted and brought to his death in order to put an end to death!



Raising of Lazarus
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John the Baptist

Personal Loss for Jesus during his ministry

Lazarus

What KIND OF LOSS was suffered

? as a result of the death?

*A close personal loss for Jesus
at the end of his ministry.*

What made Jesus weep?

John 11:28-35: (KJV) **Selected verses:** ²⁸she went and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, *The Master is come, and calleth for thee.* ²⁹As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly... ³²Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, *Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.* ³³When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, ³⁴And said, where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶Then said the Jews; behold how he loved him!

Why was it important that Jesus felt this great loss of his friend?



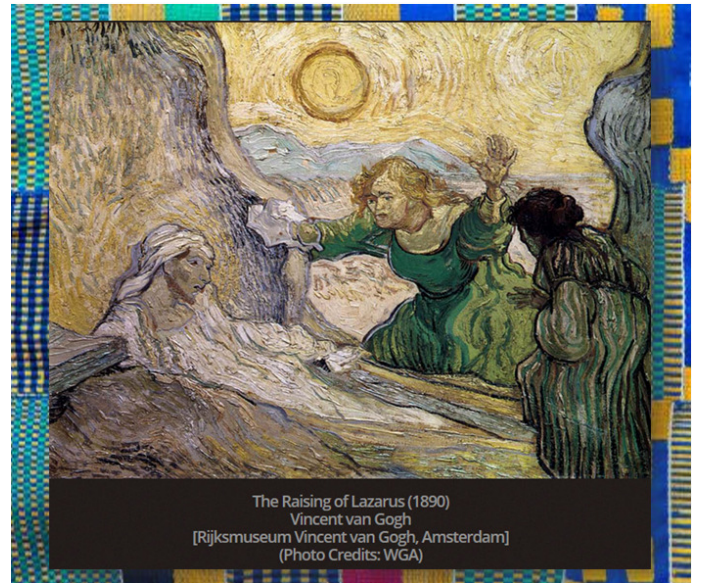
He felt the pain and the tragedy of this loss. Jesus was moved by faith to NOT go early to heal Lazarus. He was moved by loss and the magnitude of his mission to remove the cruelty of sin and death. He was moved by the glory of his Father and the glory of the plan. He was moved by his love for his friend.

Hebrews 4:15: (KJV) *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*

Jesus felt what we feel!

John 11:37-44: (KJV) ³⁷*And some of them said, could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?* ³⁸*Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.* ³⁹*Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.*

Imagine the focus and prayer Jesus would have experienced! Imagine the bewildered attention of Mary, Martha and the mourners as they watched what he would do next.



The Raising of Lazarus (1890)
Vincent van Gogh
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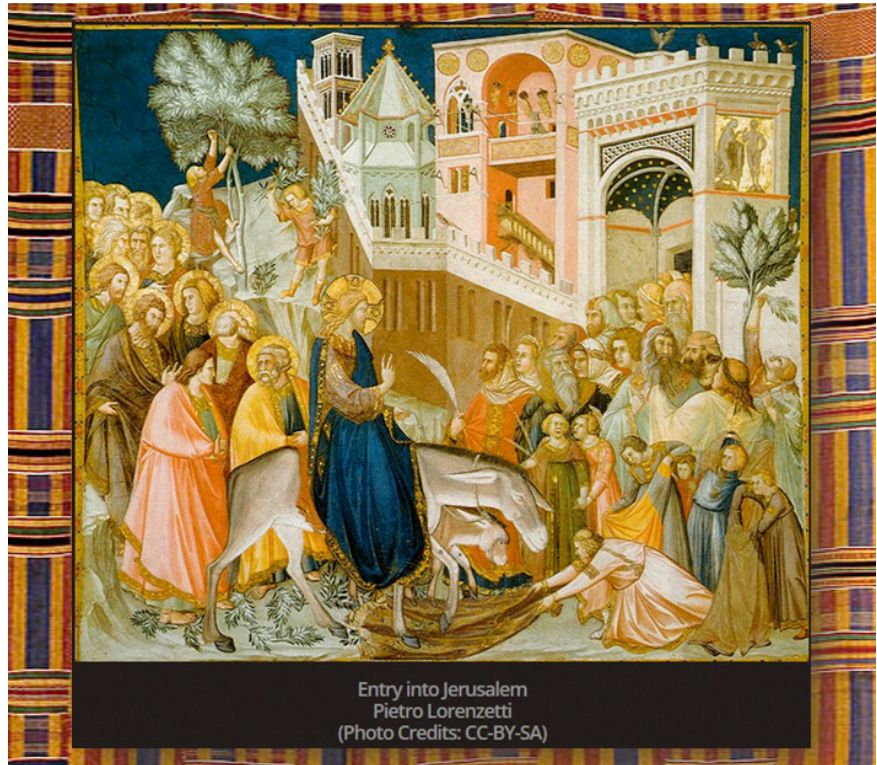
Raising of Lazarus (1675)
Luca Giordano
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⁴⁰*Jesus saith unto her, said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?* ⁴¹*Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.* ⁴²*And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.* ⁴³*And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.* ⁴⁴*And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, loose him, and let him go.*



Jesus had arrived, *Palm Sunday, Skitguys.com*

- *When we got back, that's when it happened. Some people put their coats on the donkey and Jesus got on the donkey. When he got on the donkey, it was like everyone started shouting and dancing and singing and some people were throwing their coats in front of the donkey. There were some of us that grabbed some palm branches and we started waving them in the air, and that's when it clicked...Jesus had finally arrived!*



How did Jesus go about
THE PROCESS of raising them up?

In faith he delayed his arrival. He then raised Lazarus in front of a small group of mourners.



WHAT CAN WE LEARN

about Jesus' power over death?

*Life is restored through the power of God
and by the hand of Jesus.*



How is this accomplished?

First, there was prayer. In the case of Lazarus, it was spoken for a witness but it was undoubtedly uttered silently in the previous two accounts. Throughout Jesus' ministry, we see a thread of prayer that never goes away.

Second, there was his voice. The words in all three accounts were commands, though it would have been almost a whisper with Jairus' daughter, a firm voice with the widow's son and a loud command with Lazarus.

Third, there were witnesses. There were five people with Jairus' daughter (essentially just the parents - those most traumatized), a funeral procession and Jesus' followers with the widow's son (a public event of burial) and the many mourners with Lazarus (those who lingered to mourn).

Fourth - the most powerful words spoken by Jesus were not *Little girl, I say to you, arise! Young man, I say to you, arise!* or *Lazarus come forth!* The most powerful words were, *Loose him and let him go!* This was the power of Jesus over Satan showing that not only could death be undone (in all three cases), but also freedom from sin and death in Christ would be achieved! He really is the Lord of all!

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What was the result of the miraculous restoration of Lazarus' life?

John 11:47-48,53: (NASB) ⁴⁷Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, what are we doing? For this man is performing many signs. ⁴⁸If 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... ⁵³So from that day on they planned together to kill him.

Jesus knew that the raising of Lazarus, the restoring of a life would mean the forfeiting of his own. He set this up for that very purpose, for the forfeiting of his life would come to mean the restoring of the life of every man, woman and child who ever lived.

How did Jesus respond to the threat of the priests and Pharisees?

John 11:54: (NASB) 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.

He got far enough away from the plotting but close enough to walk right back into the line of fire when appropriate. God's timing would have to be perfect for every prophecy to come true as promised. Jesus knew he was the Passover Lamb. That Palm Sunday procession took place on the 10th of the Jewish month of Nisan, exactly the day the Jews were to take the lamb into their home back in Exodus.

John 11:55-57: (NASB) ⁵⁵Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover to purify themselves. ⁵⁶So they were seeking for Jesus, and were saying to one another as they stood in the temple, what do you think; that he will not come to the feast at all? ⁵⁷Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where he was, he was to report it, so that they might seize him.



Various Bible commentaries calculate several hundred thousands of people would have been in Jerusalem at this time for Passover. Everyone was talking about Jesus! *Why?* He had performed a miracle of such magnitude in the raising of Lazarus in such an open and viewable manner that it would bring out men's true colors, for by this miracle they would either line up to praise God or line up to destroy the messenger!

John 12:1-8: (NRSV) ¹*Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.* ²*There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.* ³*Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.* ⁴*But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples... said, why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor...* ⁷*Jesus said, leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.* ⁸*You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.*

Jesus was at the home of Lazarus the day before entering Jerusalem when anointed by Mary to prepare for his death. No one told her to do this, yet it was the most appropriate thing to do. Jesus was deeply touched by this act.

The lesson for us is we should do what we can when we can.

John 12:9-11: (NRSV) ⁹*When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.* (This is why we think Lazarus was at the Palm Sunday procession.)

 **Nothing better, *Palm Sunday, skitguys.com***

- *I know that sounds weird. It's like this: In the past we would get excited because Jesus would do something, a miracle, or there would be some parable, or something he said, we'd get excited about it. Then Jesus would be like, "Shhh! Come on, guys. No, no, just be quiet." And then we would come up with some idea, "Hey, let's do this," or "Let's do that," and Jesus would be like, "Nope. No, guys, not now. Not now." But today? Today was "now!" Today, he finally let us shout, and sing, and dance and treat him like the Messiah that we'd all been waiting for. He finally showed up! I don't know what tomorrow holds. It feels like it's something big, but who knows? It doesn't matter what happens because Jesus showed up and there is nothing better than when Jesus shows up. (crying laughter)*

¹⁰*So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.*

Not only did they want to get rid of Jesus, but by definition they had to get rid of Lazarus since he was living proof of Jesus' power and the prophecies of the future resurrection.

Jesus entered Jerusalem and the hearts of the people on the 10th of Nisan. Just a few days later would be the torment and torture of crucifixion.

The three raisings we discussed teach us that Jesus showed himself to be Lord over all stages of death. He was able to feel the pain and suffering of humanity. He took these experiences and showed us that those of us who are hurt by death - in whatever stage and circumstance - can be blessed by life. He died for all of us so we could all experience, *Lazarus, come forth! Loose him and let him go!*



*So, how did raising others to life prepare Jesus for death?
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions...
Think about it...!*



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"Champions do not become champions when they win the event, but in the hours, weeks, months and years they spend preparing for it. The victorious performance itself is merely the demonstration of their championship character." – Alan Armstrong

Some have said Jairus' daughter had not actually died, but was near death and Jesus revived her. We believe that she had died during the time that Jesus was healing the woman with the issue of blood. Those who subscribe to the girl as being only near death point out that Jesus in Luke 8:52 stated she was not **dead <599>** but **sleepeth <2518>** (verb, *katheudō*). They say in John 11:11 when describing Lazarus, Jesus said *Lazarus sleepeth <2837>* (verb, *koimaō*) using a different Greek word.

We maintain Lazarus was described by Jesus as simply sleeping, because to Jesus the sleep of death is merely a lifeless nap - Jesus has guaranteed that through his ransom sacrifice.

John 11:11: (KJV) *This he said, and after that he said to them, Our friend Lazarus has **fallen asleep <2837>**; but I go so that I may **awaken him out of sleep <1852>**. (verb, *exypnizō*)*

The word for *fallen asleep* is the same used elsewhere of those who are simply sleeping.

For example:

Luke 22:45: (KJV) *And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them **sleeping <2837>** for sorrow,*

Matthew 28:13: (KJV) *Saying, Say ye, his disciples came by night, and stole him away while we **slept <2837>**.*

Acts 12:6: (KJV) *And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was **sleeping <2837>** between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.*

Fallen asleep: Strongs #2837, *koimaō*, 1. to cause to sleep, put to sleep
2. metaphorically to still, calm, quiet; to fall asleep, to sleep; to die

The complete account of Jairus' daughter:

Matthew 9:18-26: (NKJV) - Mark 5:21-43: (NKJV) - Luke 8:40-56: (NKJV)
Red = Jesus' words



Combining the three accounts, with Mark 5:21-43 as a base:

Mark 5:21-43: (NKJV) *So it was, when Jesus returned, when (he) had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to him; welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him by the sea. And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw him, he fell at his feet and begged him earnestly, to come to his house (for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age) saying, my little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live. (Matthew account reads "even now is dead.") So Jesus arose and followed him, and so did his disciples, and a great multitude followed him and thronged him as he went.*

Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she suddenly came behind him in the crowd and touched the hem of his garment. For she said, if only I may touch his clothes, I shall be made well. Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that power had gone out of him, turned around in the crowd *And Jesus said, who touched me? When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, Master, the multitudes throng and press you, and you say, who touched me? But Jesus said, somebody touched me, for I perceived power going out from me.* And he looked around to see her who had done this thing. Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared to him the whole truth in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched him and how she was healed immediately. *Jesus turned around and he said to her, Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.* While he was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further? As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he said to the ruler of the synagogue, *do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.* And he permitted no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James *and the father and mother of the girl.* Then he came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, *and saw the flute players and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. When he came in, he said to them, make room, why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping.* And they ridiculed him *knowing that she was dead.* But when he had put them all outside, he took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with him, and entered where the child was lying. Then he took the child by the hand, and said to her, *Talitha, cumi,* which is translated, *little girl, I say to you, arise. Then her spirit (breath) returned, and she arose immediately. And he commanded that she be given something to eat.* And they were overcome with great amazement. But he commanded them strictly that no one should know *what had happened and the report of this went out into all that land.*

The "Palm Sunday" account following is a compilation of Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44 and John 12:12-19:

Mark 11:1-3: (NRSV) ¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, why are you doing this? just say this, the Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately. Matthew 21:4: (NRSV) This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey. John 12:16: (NRSV) His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. Mark 11:4-6: (NRSV) ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, Luke 19:33: (NRSV) its owners asked them, what are you doing, untying the colt? ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed



them to take it. Matthew 21:6: (NRSV) ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. Luke 19:37-38: (NRSV) ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, (Mark 11:8) ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields... (Among them was) the whole multitude of the disciples and John 12:17-18: the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead ¹⁸It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him.) ...**(They)** began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven! Matthew 21:9: (NRSV) Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven! Mark 11:9-10: (NRSV) Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Luke 19:39-44: (NRSV) ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, Teacher, order your disciples to stop. ⁴⁰He answered, I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out. ⁴¹As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, if you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God. Matthew 21:10-11: (NRSV) ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, who is this? ¹¹The crowds were saying, this is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee. John 12:19: ¹⁹The Pharisees then said to one another, you see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!