

BIBLE STUDY: LESSON 21

Scripture of Lesson: John 11: 1~44

1. Raising Lazarus from death

- a. A special bond of love between Christ and the 3 siblings: Christ loved Martha, Mary and Lazarus [v. 5]
 - i. Christ visited their home a number of times: Luke 10: 38, 39
 - ii. Later, Mary poured precious oil on Jesus to prepare for His burial.
- b. Miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead –to help their belief [v. 15, 42]
 - i. Lazarus had been dead four days and his body corrupted. Yet Christ raised him whole.
 - ii. Christ was confident of the power of resurrection given to Him by Father. [v. 41, 42]
 - iii. Through this miracle Christ taught His disciples to believe in His resurrection and the resurrection of the faithful in last days.
- c. V. 25-26: “I am the resurrection and the life: he that believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die.”
 - i. His own death and resurrection – foretold a number of times to His disciples [John 2: 19, 21; Matt 20: 19].
 - ii. Luke’s testament: Luke 24: 39~43
 - iii. Peter’s declaration of Christ’ resurrection: Acts 2: 30~32
 - iv. Paul’s declaration of the same: I Cor 15: 3~6]

2. Sadness, loss or calamities in our life –opportunities for God

- a. “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.” [Rom 8:17]
- b. Human tendency to complain towards God for our losses and calamities. Let us turn our unfortunate experiences to opportunities of honoring God and showing His power in us.

3. Jesus’ empathy: “Jesus wept.”

- a. “Jesus wept.” [v. 25]: He had empathy with Lazarus and his sisters for their agony.
- b. Our Lord walks with us in all experiences. –Let us read Psalm 23 together.

4. Christ the source of eternal life, Lord of resurrection

- a. Christians’ hope of resurrection and eternal life
 - i. Without this hope we are the most miserable people. [I Cor 15: 19]
- b. First resurrection and rapture
 - i. I Cor 15: 51~54
 - ii. I Thes 4:13~18
- c. Apostle John had a view of the enthroned Lamb of God in Heaven: Rev 5: 9~14
- d. Let us live in full faith in our resurrection and eternal life through the blood of our Savior.