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**Unit II: The Word: The Agent of Creation**

**Subject: Conquering the Ultimate Enemy**

**Text: John 11: 17 – 27, 38 - 44**

**Key Verse:**

**“Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this (John 11: 25 - 26, KJV)?”**

**Lesson Pointers:**

- 1) A Testimony of Trust (John 11: 17 – 24)**
- 2) Deity Confirmed (John 11: 25 – 27)**
- 3) An Unexpected Miracle (John 11: 38 – 44)**

**Introduction:**

**We all understand in the physical world that when we have an illness that our regular doctor can not cure, he recommends us to a specialist that can. Well in the Spiritual realm, GOD the Father has called HIS Pastor teachers or prophets to lead and minister to the saved and the unsaved spiritual needs. These who are, called by God, do have their limitations. The experience Pastor teacher can attest to this reality. Because there are those tragic situations that occur in the people’s lives that is beyond their power to give the comfort that can produce inner peace. Therefore, the Pastor teacher refer or recommends us to Jesus Christ the one who can save, heal, and restore life. Because Jesus Christ specializes in the things that are impossible, HE will do what no other power can do. All we must do as believers is to trust HIS (Jesus Christ) promises and to expect Him (Jesus Christ) to respond according to HIS sovereign will and purpose.**

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**Lesson Pointer # 1**

- A Testimony of Trust (John 11: 17 – 24)**

**When Jesus received the message that HIS friend Lazarus was sick, Jesus did not immediately go to Lazarus, but instead, Jesus stayed or waited for two days, before going to Lazarus. Jesus said unto HIS disciples, let us go into Judaea again. The disciples said to Jesus “Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee, and goest thou thither again?” Jesus said unto them “Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.” His disciples said, “LORD, if he sleeps, he shall do well.”**

Then Jesus said unto HIS disciples plainly, Lazarus is dead. When Jesus arrived at Bethany, HIS friend Lazarus had been, entombed for four days (John 11: 17). Now Bethany was about fifteen furlongs unto Jerusalem, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to comfort them in their brother's Lazarus death (John 11: 18 – 19). Now when Martha heard that Jesus had arrived, she went out to meet him, but Mary sits still in the house (John 11: 20). Martha's greetings to Jesus were not to rebuke, but to express Her faith in Jesus mingled with grief. Martha said, "Lord if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of GOD, GOD will give it thee (John 11: 21 – 22)." Jesus's response to Martha was so deep of a meaning than she understood. Jesus assured Martha that Lazarus would live again was immediate (John 11: 23). Martha's response affirmed her belief in Jesus and HIS power to raise her brother Lazarus in the future, but not immediately (John 11: 24).

#### **Lesson Pointer # 2**

- **Deity Confirmed (John 11: 25 – 27)**

Jesus announced to Martha that, "I am the resurrection, and the life." This was Jesus's personal affirmation of HIS deity and a challenge to Martha to believe that He has absolute power over death (John 11: 25). Jesus asked, Martha do you believe, was to get a personal confession of faith in HIM as the very source of resurrection power and eternal life (John 11: 26). Martha did respond and affirmed the truths about Jesus: He is the Messiah, GOD'S Son, and the expected deliverer to come from GOD the Father (John 11: 27).

#### **Lesson Pointer # 3**

- **An Unexpected Miracle (John 11: 38 – 44)**

Now the climatic account of Jesus Christ resurrecting Lazarus took place in these verses. Remember that Mary did not approach Jesus Christ alone, she and was, followed by other mourners. Jesus Christ was angry at the mourner's remarks of doubt and faithless weeping when they approached Lazarus tomb (John 11: 38). When Jesus Christ saw and heard this, HE commanded that the stone be moved; now, this caused a stir. Martha, Lazarus sister, said unto Jesus Christ, LORD, by this time he stinketh; for he has been dead for four days (John 11: 39). Martha, neither Jesus Christ's disciples, nor the mourners expected a miracle. Here, Jesus Christ reminds Martha that He (Jesus Christ) said unto her, that if she would believe that she would see the glory of GOD (John 11: 40). Then Jesus Christ when the stone was removed, lifted HIS eyes, and prayed to the Father, saying, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me (John 11: 41)." Jesus Christ's prayer to the Father was loud, because Jesus Christ knew that the Father always heareth HIM, but this was for those that stood around HIM, so that they would know and believe that the Father had sent HIM (John 11: 42). When Jesus Christ finished HIS prayer, HE (Jesus Christ) commanded with a loud voice that Lazarus come forth (John 11: 43). Now, Lazarus who was dead, heard Jesus Christ's voice and came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes: and his face was bound with a napkin. Then Jesus Christ commanded them to loosen him and let him go (John 11: 44). Jesus Christ conquered the Ultimate enemy, death that had the sting and the grave that had the victory. 1 Corinthians 15: 55 says, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory."

**Conquering the Ultimate Enemy!**