

LET IT BE A “LAZARUS DAY” TODAY

JOHN 11:1-45

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: If we are not careful, we may miss one of the main themes in this chapter. That is that Jesus is glorified in Lazarus resurrection and also our resurrection—our new life. Our challenge is to start a habit of “Lazarus Days”. For more background read footnote 11:1[1st] and footnote 11:44.

LIVE THE LIGHT. When I received Jesus as my Savior, I was enlightened and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Because Jesus’ life is dwelling in me, my life can be a light for people to see. Because of the power of the Holy Spirit in me, I can help lead people out of darkness to the light of Christ. (**John 11:9, 10, fn 11:9, 10, John 1:4-10, fn 1:5, Matthew 5:14-16, fn 5:14-16, Ephesians 5:8-14, fn 5:8-10**) *How will you start a habit this day of letting people see your light?*

SHARE YOUR FEELINGS WITH JESUS. Mary, Martha and their Jewish friends wept openly over the death of Lazarus. Jesus, even knowing that Lazarus’ life would soon be restored, felt their pain and grief and wept with them. Jesus feels your pain and He will heal your broken heart. His empathy is so great that He sent the Comforter (the Holy Spirit) to assure us of His love for us and help us through our time of grief and trouble. (**John 11:33-38, fn 11:33-37, fn 11:1[2nd], John 14:15-21, fn 14:16, fn 14:18, II Corinthians 1:3-7, fn 1:3-5, fn 1:5, II Corinthians 4:17, 18, fn 4:17, fn 4:18**) *This day, how and when will you let the Holy Spirit allow you to experience His comfort?*

REJOICE OVER YOUR NEW LIFE—YOUR RESURRECTED LIFE. Jesus wants people to believe and see the glory of God. Although the Bible doesn’t say so, Mary, Martha, and their friends probably partied for days after Jesus brought their brother back to life. They believed and saw the Son of Man glorified, and they recognized Jesus as God, Creator of resurrected life. When I believed in Jesus, I was given His resurrected life so that now I can also see and rejoice in who He is (His glory) in my life. (**John 11:39-45, John 11:4, fn 11:4, John 11:25, 26, fn 11:25-26, John 11:40, II Corinthians 5:17, fn 5:17, Philippians 4:4, fn 4:4-5, Colossians 3:1-4, fn 3:3,**) *How can you rejoice in your quiet time at the beginning of the day because of your new life and therefore experience a “Lazarus Day”?*

Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?