

# RAISING OF LAZARUS

**Scripture: John 11**

**Materials Needed:**  
Worksheet with timeline

**Objectives:** As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—After the Feast of Tabernacles (John 8) and the Feast of Dedication (John 10), Jesus was told that Lazarus was about to die. Nevertheless, Jesus waited until Lazarus was dead, so that God would be glorified and He would be glorified, and He raised Lazarus back to life even though he had been dead for four days so that His disciples would believe that He is the Resurrection and the Life, and as a sign to the unbelieving Pharisees.

To Realize—those who judge by the law are judged by the law as sinners, and are in need of the freeing grace of Jesus to enable them to stop sinning.

To Respond by—realizing their sin and coming to Jesus for grace.

## Setting up the Story:

“Jesus couldn’t have really died on the cross, because how can a ‘Prophet’ (Messiah) be killed and defeated by his enemies?”

Find the enemies of Jesus in this story.

Scripture

### Telling the story:

- I. Background
  - A. At the Feast of Tabernacles
  - B. At the Feast of Dedication
  - C. Parable of the rich man and Lazarus
- II. Jesus is told about Lazarus
  - A. He is sick
  - B. For the glory of God
  - C. Son may be glorified
  - D. Stayed 2 more days
  - E. “let’s go to Judea”
  - F. “Lazarus is dead”
    1. concerned for safety
    2. Think they are going to die

John  
11:1-16

### As you tell the story:

John 8-10  
5-6 months before the cross  
  
3 months before the cross.  
3-6 weeks before the cross.

The disciples are worried, because who is in Judea? Jerusalem? The enemies of Jesus. Who are the enemies? Pharisees, Sadducees, Rulers, high Priests, Herodians

- III. Martha Meets Jesus
  - A. "If you had been here..."
  - B. "I am the Resurrection and the Life."
  - C. Jesus Calls for Mary
  - D. "If you had been here..."
  
- IV. Jesus Raises Lazarus
  - A. Sees the Mourners
  - B. Weeps
  
  - C. Crowds wonder why he didn't come earlier since he had opened eyes of man born blind
  
  - D. More powerful than sickness

John 11:35 "Jesus wept."  
 = silent weeping  
 214: to wail in oriental style, to howl in a consecrated, semi-liturgical fashion  
 1145: to shed tears, weep silently  
 2354: to give formal expression to grief, to sing a dirge  
 2799: to weep audibly, cry as a child  
 3602: to give verbal expression to grief, to lament  
 4727: to express grief by inarticulate or semi-articulate sounds, to groan

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Jesus is seeing the Enemy.  
 What enemy is he going to take on in Jerusalem? It's the enemy that takes on every single person of Adam's family and wins every single time...DEATH.

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<sup>1</sup>Strong, J. 1996. *Enhanced Strong's Lexicon*. Woodside Bible Fellowship: Ontario  
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V. Chief Priest and Others plot His death | “necessary for one to die for the nation...”

**Concluding the Story:**

Jesus gives

11:4 glorify God

11:4 Son may be glorified

11:15 so that disciples may believe

11:40 to see the glory of God

11:42 so that those watching would believe God sent Jesus

11:53 they planned to kill him. John 10:17,18 and Luke 16:19-31