

## Chapter 11 - Study Questions

On today's journey we find Jesus demonstrating his compassion to people, particularly to a family from a town called Bethany. Jesus, always mindful of his purpose on earth, also uses his love for people to demonstrate who he is. Jesus backs up his claims with actions that only one sent from God could perform.

1. There was an ultimate purpose in the sickness of Lazarus, and it was not his death. According to Jesus what was the purpose? (11:4)
2. It is clear from this chapter that Jesus loved Martha, Mary and Lazarus (11:5). Why do you think Jesus delayed his journey for 2 days? How could this be an expression of love?
3. Why did Jesus not wish to be present at the time of Lazarus' death? (11:15).
4. Jesus makes the claim that he is "the resurrection" and "the life." (11:25) With these words Jesus is claiming to be God's chosen one to bring life to humanity. How does Martha respond to Jesus' claim? (11:27)
5. Even though Jesus knows that Lazarus will be restored to life, what was one of the ways that Jesus' love for this family was made known? (11:35)
6. Could Jesus have done something to keep Lazarus from dying? (11:37) Why *do you think* he didn't do something to keep Lazarus from dying?
7. How long had Lazarus been in the tomb? Why is Martha reluctant to open the tomb? (11:39)
8. Did Lazarus obey Jesus' command? How does the text refer to Lazarus? (11:44)
9. *Do you think* Jesus' miracle of raising Lazarus strengthens his claim that he is "the resurrection" and "the life?"

10. Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life." Then He promises, "The one who believes in me will live even if he dies, and the one who lives and believes in me will never die." Does this miracle help you to believe in Jesus?