

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

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## The Word Resurrects the Dead John 11:17-27; 38-44

## Section Review

### Partners in a New Creation

### The Word: The Agent of Creation

- **7/3 – John 1:1-14**

John introduces Jesus as God and the LOGOS – the creator of all things physical and gives meaning to the life of human beings

- **7/10 – John 4:46-54**

The Word (Logos) is able to heal in response to faith without the need for signs and wonders

- **7/17 – John 12:42-50**

The Word (Logos) is essential to salvation but not everyone is prepared to receive it. Jesus addresses 3 different audiences

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# Background

- The first time we meet Martha and Mary is in **Luke 10:38-42**. While both, including their brother Lazarus became very close to Jesus, we get a glimpse of their personalities:
- Martha had a servant's heart and cared about those at the house to see Jesus
- Mary focused on Jesus himself – much to the chagrin of Martha, who wanted her to help him
- It was later after today's lesson that Mary who anointed Jesus with expensive perfume, preparing Him for his burial (**John 12:2-8**)

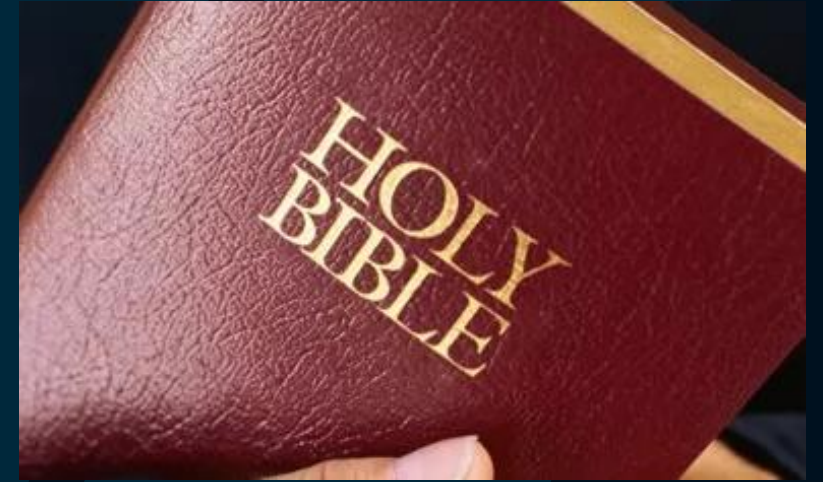
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# Lesson Text

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

## JOHN 11:17 – 20 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about <sup>[a]</sup>two miles away. <sup>19</sup> And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.



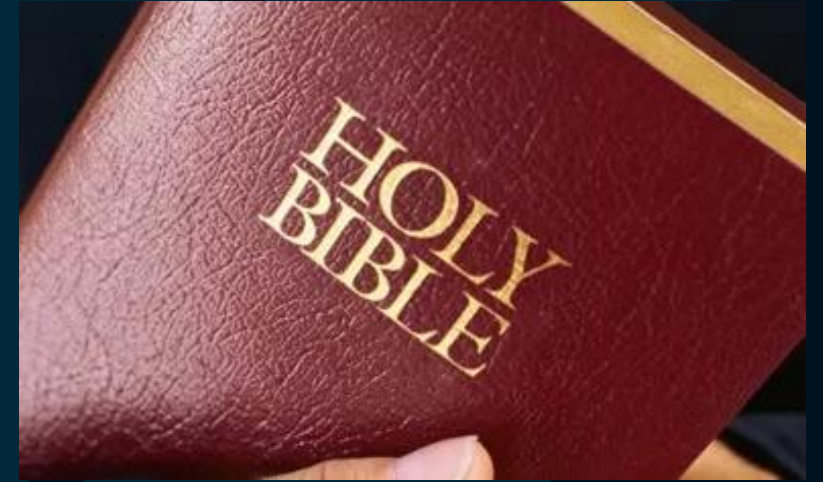
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## JOHN 11:21 – 25 (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.



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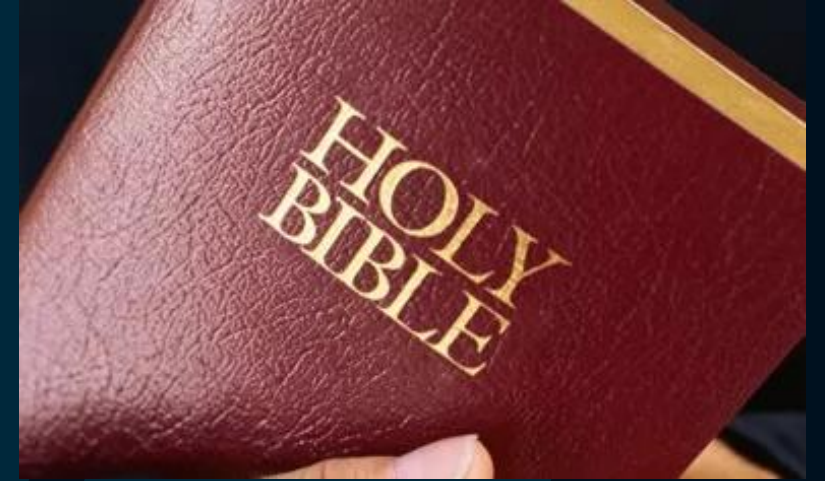
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I Am the Resurrection and the Life

## JOHN 11:26 – 27 (NKJV)

<sup>26</sup> And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

<sup>27</sup> She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."



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# Lesson Text

Lazarus Raised from the Dead

## JOHN 11:38 – 44 (NKJV)

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."



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Lazarus Raised from the Dead

## JOHN 11:38 – 42 (NKJV)

<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> Then they took away the stone [a]from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. <sup>42</sup> And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me."



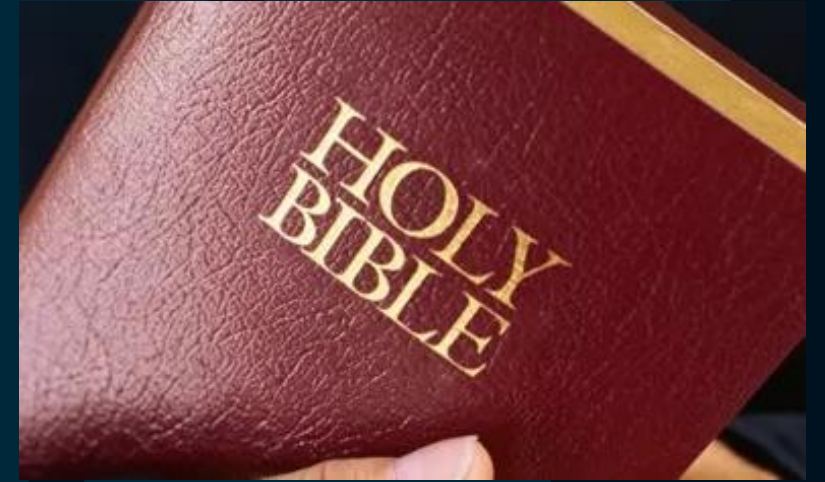
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# Lesson Text

Lazarus Raised from the Dead

## JOHN 11:43 – 44 (NKJV)

<sup>43</sup> Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" <sup>44</sup> And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."





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# Commentary: Move the Stone

## **Faith = ACTIVE BELIEF or BELIEF IN ACTION**

- It wasn't enough for Martha to state that she believed that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God.
- The ultimate test of her faith was her willingness to have the stone moved so that Jesus could do His work.
- Jesus didn't ask her to do the miracle, but to remove the barriers to that miracle
- **What barriers or stones do we carry that block God from acting in our lives?**

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# Commentary: Purpose of Miracles

## Miracles of Healing

- Lepers cleansed:  
Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:41-45; Luke 5:12-14; 17:11-19
- Blind receive sight:  
Matthew 9:27-31; Mark 8:22-26; 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43; John 9:1-38
- People are healed from a distance:  
Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:2-10; John 4:46-54
- Peter's mother-in-law healed: Mark 1:29-31
- Paralyzed man healed: Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26
- People touching Jesus' clothing are healed:  
Matthew 9:20-23; 14:35-36; Mark 5:25-34; 6:53-56; Luke 8:43-48
- Various healings on the Sabbath:  
Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-10; 13:10-17; 14:1-6; John 5:1-18
- Deaf and mute man healed: Mark 7:31-37
- Cut-off ear is repaired: Luke 22:47-53
- Demons cast out (and specific physical ailments accompanying the demons healed):  
Matthew 9:32-33; 17:14-18; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-42
- Demons cast out (no specific physical ailments mentioned):  
Matthew 8:28-34; 15:21-28; Mark 1:23-27; 5:1-20; 7:24-30; Luke 4:31-37; 8:26-39
- Multitudes healed: Matthew 9:35; 15:29-31; Mark 1:32-34; 3:9-12; Luke 6:17-19
- The dead raised to life: Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56; John 11:1-45

## Other Miracles

- Multitudes fed (food multiplies): Matthew 14:13-21; 15:32-39; Mark 6:33-44; 8:1-10; Luke 9:12-17; John 6:1-14
- Walks on water: Matthew 14:22-33 (Peter too); Mark 6:45-52; John 6:15-21
- Calms a storm: Matthew 8:22-25; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25
- Fills nets with fish: Luke 5:1-11; John 21:1-14
- Peter catches fish with money in its mouth (for the temple tax): Matthew 17:24-27
- Turns water to wine: John 2:1-11
- Cursed tree withers: Matthew 21:18-22; Mark 11:12-25

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# Commentary: Purpose of Miracles

There were many in the Scriptures as they do today who look at miracles to a selfish end (**John 6:26 – after Jesus feeds 5000**)

Ultimately, the miracles always pointed to a greater truth:

1. To prove that Jesus was the Son of God with authority

1. Casting out demons meant He had authority over demons
2. Healing on the Sabbath meant He had authority over the Sabbath
3. Physical healings or calming the waves meant He had authority over nature

2. To Glorify His Father. Everything Jesus did was not for Himself, but that His father would be glorified in the act.

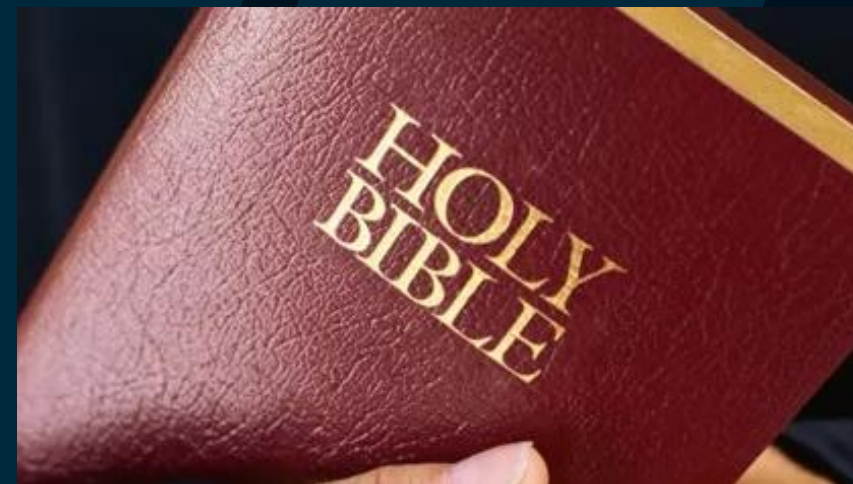
1. **Luke 5:17-39** Jesus heals a paralytic man to prove He has the power to forgive sins – i.e. that He is God
2. **John 9:1-5** where Jesus heals a man who was blind from birth
3. **John 11:4-16** - Jesus had already foreshadowed that the death of Lazarus was allowed to show God's glory. He literally waited 2 more days after being notified that Lazarus was sick before He went to Bethany

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# Scripture References



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# Church School Creed & Benediction

## CREED

Our Church School must grow & grow  
And we must help to make it so  
Every member a **Christian**  
Every Christian a **worker**  
Every worker **trained**  
A worker that **will not be ashamed**  
This we ask in Jesus' name

-AMEN

## BENEDICTION

We have come  
We have studied  
We have learned  
So until our next coming together  
To study God's word  
May His rich blessings reside with you  
And may His Grace be eternally yours

-AMEN