

“Jesus: Lord of Life, part 1”

John 11:1-27

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In John 11 Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. This is the seventh miracle that John includes in his Gospel to show his readers that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing such, sinners may be granted eternal life in His name.

1. The Lord of Life Highlights the Purpose of

Miracle—the Glory of God (1-6)

“Jesus said...,” “This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified by it”

2. The Lord of Life Articulates the Plans of

the Miracle—in God’s Time (7-16)

“Lazarus is dead, and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe”

3. The Lord of Life Approaches the Place of the Miracle—near Jerusalem (17-20)

“Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off”

4. The Lord of Life Ensures the Promise of the Miracle—believe and Live! (21-27)

“I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

The 7 "Signs" of John's Gospel

1. Water into wine (2:1-11)
2. Official's son healed (4:46-54)
3. Lame man healed (5:1-18)
4. 5,000 fed (6:5-14)
5. Walking on the water (6:16-21)
6. Blind man healed (9:1-7)
7. Lazarus raised (11:1-45)

Jesus' "I Am's" of John's Gospel

1. "I am the Bread of life" (6:35)
2. "I am the Light of the world" (8:12)
3. "I AM" (8:58)
4. "I am the Door for the sheep" (10:7)
5. "I am the Good Shepherd" (10:11)
6. "I am the Resurrection and the Life" (11:25)
7. "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (14:6)
8. "I am the True Vine" (15:1)

People Jesus raised from the dead

1. A widow's son (Luke 7:11-15)
2. Jairus' daughter (Luke 8:41-55)
3. His friend Lazarus (John 11)
4. Himself (John 2:19)

Others raised from the dead in the Bible

1. Elijah raises a widow's son (1 Kings 17:22)
2. Peter raised Tabitha (Acts 9:40)
3. Paul raises Eutychus (Acts 20:7-12)
4. The 2 witnesses in the Tribulation (Rev 11:11)
5. The Antichrist (Revelation 13:3)
6. All believers (Revelation 20:4)
7. All unbelievers (Revelation 20:13)

*Chronology of John's Gospel

[1:1-13] Eternity past

December 4 BC

[1:14] Christ's birth

Summer-Autumn AD 29

[1:15-42] In Bethany

[1:43-2:12] In Galilee

April 7 (Nisan 14) AD 30

[2:13-3:36] In Jerusalem at Passover

[4:1-54] Samaria and Galilee

AD 31

[5:1-47] In Jerusalem during Feast

April AD 32

[6:1-71] In Galilee at Passover

September 10-17 AD 32

[7:1-10:21] In Jerusalem during Booths, 6 months before His death

December AD 32

[10:22-39] In Jerusalem during Hanukkah, 4 months before His death

[10:40-42] In Perea

April AD 33

[11:1-53] In Bethany

[11:54-57] In Ephraim just before Passover

[12:1-8] In Bethany 6 days before Passover (Saturday)

[12:9-11] In Bethany 5 days before Passover (Sunday)

[12:12-50] In Jerusalem 4 days before Passover (Monday)

[13:1-14:31] In the Upper Room (Thursday)

[15:1-18:27] Thursday night

[18:28-19:16] Trial Friday morning

[19:16-42] Friday on the cross, 9am-3pm

[20:1-25] Easter Sunday

[20:26-31] 1 week later

[21:1-25] Post-resurrection, pre-ascension

*for more details, see Chronological Aspects of the Life of Christ by Harold Hoehner