

**JESUS**  
**19: LIFE – RESTORER of LIFE; ANOINTED for DEATH**  
**John 11 & 12**  
**STUDY AHEAD**

In one of His “I AM” statements, Jesus declared that He was “the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25). He proved it by raising His beloved friend Lazarus from the dead. This is a climactic story in the gospel of John, occurring at the culmination of Jesus’ public ministry. The resurrection of Lazarus took place just a few weeks prior to Jesus final “triumphal entry” into Jerusalem.

1. John 11:1,2. Which of the two sisters (Mary and Martha) is given the most prominence in the opening verses? Why?
2. John 11:3-5. Which of the two sisters is singled out as the object of Jesus’ love here?
3. John 11:6-7. How many days did Jesus linger where He was before He set out for Lazarus’ village? Why is this significant?
4. John 11:7-16. When Jesus said that it was time for them to go back to Judea (the south, near Jerusalem), how did the disciples react? Note the comment of “doubting Thomas” (v.16).
5. John 11:17-27. Study Jesus’ conversation with Martha, once He came near to the village where she lived. Note how Martha went out to meet Jesus before He arrived at their home (v.20). Why is this significant? Note also how Martha made “the good confession” concerning the true identity of Jesus (v.27).
6. John 11:28-38. What emotions did Jesus express when He saw the people grieving over the death of Lazarus? What does this tell you about Jesus?
7. John 11:39-46. How did people react to the resurrection of Lazarus?
8. John 11:47-53. What did the Jewish leaders conclude about Jesus as a result of the miracle of the resurrection of Lazarus?
9. John 11:54-57. These verses describe the final week before Jesus went up to Jerusalem for His final Passover Feast. What do you see happening in these verses?

10. John 12:1-8. One week before His death, Jesus came again to the home of Lazarus, Martha and Mary. What was Martha doing? What was Mary doing?

11. Do you notice a pattern with these two sisters? Compare Luke 10:38-42. How would you describe the difference between them, in terms of the way they showed their love for Jesus?

12. John 12:9-11. By this time, Jesus and Lazarus were like celebrities! Everyone was coming to see them in Bethany. How did the Jewish leaders react to the immense amount of attention they were getting?