

Lessons From The Tomb

(John 11:1-57)

- Introduction:
1. There are many lessons to be gleaned from the stories that God chose to preserve.
 2. Such is the case with the story of Lazarus.
 3. Let's rehearse the story, then make some practical applications.

I. God Can Use Us In Suffering

- A. (Psalm 119:71) It was good for me to be afflicted...
- B. Good Grief?
- C. (Exodus 14).
- D. (John 11:4) The suffering was allowed for the greater good of glorifying God.
- E. Don't confuse the journey with the destination.

II. God's Time Is Not Our Time

- A. God sees the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10) and is thus able to act at just the right times.
- B. (Galatians 4:4).
- C. The delay would not be what we would chose, but it was perfect to accomplish his purpose.

III. Don't Judge A Man By A Momentary Weakness

- A. (John 11:16).
- B. (John 20:20, 24-29; Mark 16:14).
- C. Practice the Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12).

IV. Jesus Wept

- A. (John 11:35) Jesus is full of love and compassion.
- B. (Hebrews 4:15).
- C. Jesus wept because of the hurt in Mary and Martha, not because of the death of Lazarus.

V. Jesus Desires Cooperation

- A. (John 11:39) Told them to roll away the stone.
- B. The one who could raise the dead asked others to roll away the stone.
- C. God also requires cooperation in our salvation.

VI. Guard Your Heart

- A. (John 11:45-53).
- B. (Hebrews 3:13-15).
- C. (Ephesians 4:19; 1 Timothy 4:2).

- Conclusion:
1. May the these lessons from Lazarus teach us to have greater trust in the God we serve.