

John # 178 "I'm Glad I Was Not There, So That You May Believe" *John 11:13-19*
The Lord Jesus is happy because His disciples are going to learn the lesson of 'How to have total peace in a violent storm.'

The Lord Jesus Christ is God and if He's God, He can bring Lazarus back to life and that means that His disciples are just as safe walking with Him to Judea as they were a couple of years ago when He was asleep in a boat during a relentless raging storm only to awaken and save them and calm their fears.

Seeing magnificent miracles did not spiritually change the disciples at all other than causing those who were positive toward biblical truth to desire to hear more.

There is no power or spiritual benefit in simply witnessing miracles.

It takes no more power for God to raise Lazarus from the dead than it would for Him to heal him prior to his death.

The power of God in His Word is infinitely greater than the power of any miracle.

The absence of Jesus from the dying scene of Lazarus changes the character of the miracle to a new but not necessarily greater demonstration of our Lord's power.

The power of God is not the least bit strained by the most undeniably hopeless situations in either life or death.

Thomas has the courage to die but he doesn't have processed biblical truth yet to die well.

There is no question about the physical death of Lazarus.

Those who are overwhelmed by a tragedy cannot provide genuine comfort for the direct targets of that tragedy.

All true comfort is based on knowledge of biblical truth communicated and applied and all false comfort is based upon the emotional involvement of the soul.

Emotion will not carry or sustain us.

The most important thing for the Lord Jesus Christ is the most important thing period;

Get the Word of God to the people who need it!

Lazarus was physically raised after the spiritual comfort came to the people for biblical truth

must come first due to its eternal value.

Biblical truth is more spectacular and more lasting than miracles.

Our Lord's comfort is based on His Word in us.

Contrary to popular opinion, when we're dying, we need something better than miracles and greater than healing, we need the mind of Christ which comforts us beyond measure as we relax in the will of Almighty, All-knowing God!