

JESUS IS THE ONE  
WHO AWAKENS

John 11

# INTRODUCTION

- John describes seven miracles that prove that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God.
- This passage shows the death and resurrection of Lazarus. Jesus brings Lazarus back to life to reveal the glory of God.
- While this is great news for his family and friends, it becomes one more reason why the Jews and Pharisees are angry and want to kill Him.

LIVE YOUR LIFE AS ONE  
WHO HAS BEEN BROUGHT  
FROM DEATH TO LIFE

# DEATH TO LIFE

- We see the power of Jesus over death and that should remind us the He can redeem all things.
- His resources and wisdom are greater than ours.
- We should be faithful and trust that Jesus gives life.
- Allow your conversion experience to inform your perspective about the trials and challenges you face every day.



# JESUS IS OUR FRIEND

*JOHN 11:1-16*

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- John mentions that Mary anointed the Lord with ointment (Matthew 26, Mark 14) to identify the relationship of Jesus to the sisters and Lazarus.
- (vs. 4) It would have been hard to understand how God could be glorified through sickness. Jesus confuses them by saying that “this illness does not lead to death.”
- Jesus is once again across the Jordan River, in Perea.

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- (vs. 7-10) The disciples have serious reservations about walking back to Bethany, which would take them through Jerusalem.
- He reminds them that there are only 12 hours of daylight - short time for ministry. He also reminds them they will not stumble if they have “the light of this world.”
- (vs. 11) “Lazarus has fallen asleep.” This was a common New Testament euphemism for death.

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- (vs. 14-16) Jesus has to explain to them that Lazarus is not just asleep but has died.
- We then get an interesting comment from Thomas: “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”
- He understood they would put their lives in jeopardy and that they might also die with Jesus.
- He might have thought all of them would be dead before the trip ended.

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*JOHN 11:17-37*

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- Jesus and the disciples arrive in Bethany at least four day later. The Jewish funeral is still taking place and mourners are with the sisters.
- Martha goes to Jesus while Mary remains seated.
- The custom was for mourners to come and sit and cry with the bereaved. We still see this in modern wakes today in the Middle East.

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- (vs. 21-24) The words of Martha almost include a mild rebuke: “if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”
- Martha recites the Old Testament view of the resurrection. She knew about the previous resurrections (widow’s son, daughter of Jairus).
- But she never made the connection that the Lord could do the same for her brother (after four days).

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- Burials took place on the day of the death (Acts 5).
- One Jewish text says the mourners should continue to come to the tomb for three days because the dead person continues to be present.
- Bar Kappara taught: “Until three days [after death] the soul keeps on returning to the grave, thinking that it will go back [into the body]; but when it sees that the facial features have become disfigured, it departs and abandons it [the body].”

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- (vs. 25-27) Jesus proclaims: “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.”
- This is one of the seven “I am” statements.
- Martha affirms that He is the Christ and the Son of God. But that does not mean she believes Jesus can raise Lazarus (she objects to removing the stone because the bad odor will be there from four days).

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- (vs. 33-36) Jesus is deeply moved in spirit and troubled.
- He could no longer control Himself and wept (John uses a different word from the one used for sisters).
- (vs. 37) The question of the group shows they believed in His power to save someone from death but still did not understand that He could have power over death.

# JESUS IS OUR POWER

*JOHN 11:38-44*

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- (vs. 38-40) Jesus is apparently speaking to His disciples since he earlier talked about how sickness (vs. 11:4) would show God's glory.
- (vs. 41-42) The prayer of Jesus must have been audible to those gathered near the tomb and was done “on account of the people standing around.”
- “Lazarus come out” - Jesus called out in a loud voice for the benefit of the crowd.

# JESUS IS OUR SUBSTITUTE

*JOHN 11:45-57*

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- This miracle does not make the Jewish leaders believe. Instead, they now plot to kill Jesus.
- (vs. 48) They feared that a religious upheaval would destroy the carefully protected *Pax Romana* and bring Roman armies into Jerusalem.
- (vs. 49-53) Caiaphas makes a prophecy far beyond his own understanding - Jesus would die for many (not only for the nation but for the world).

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- Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews but went to a region near the wilderness.
- (vs. 55-56) As the Passover neared, many were looking for Jesus because He raised Lazarus.
- They understood that this Passover would be memorable if Jesus were present. They were right!
- Jesus is our friend, our life, our power, and our substitute. We can trust in Him.

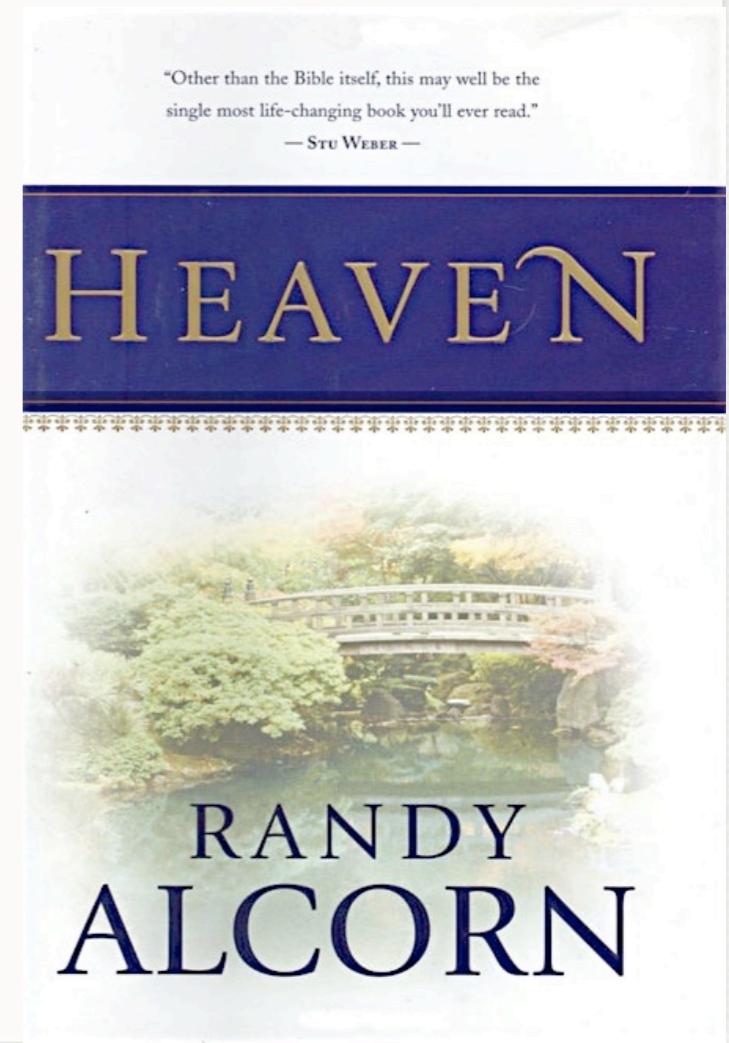
**APPLICATION:**

**LIFE AFTER DEATH**



# HEAVEN

- Christians don't know much about heaven because churches and seminaries don't teach about it.
- Randy Alcorn, Heaven
- The word heaven occurs 559 times in the Bible.



# HEAVEN

- Jesus said: “I’m going to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2-3).
- Heaven was opened for a number of biblical writers: Ezekiel 1:1; John 1:51; Acts 7:56
- Peter in Acts 10:11- “I saw heaven opened.”
- The book of Revelation gives us the best picture of heaven.

# PRESENT HEAVEN

- The present heaven (Revelation 6) is often called the intermediate heaven.
- This is what many people think of when you say heaven.
- Few books have been written because the Bible says very little about it.

# PRESENT HEAVEN

- Beings have traveled to and from heaven, including Christ (John 1:32; 6:33; Acts 1:2), angels (Matt. 28:2), and humans (2 Cor. 12:2; Rev. 11:12).
- This heaven is in the angelic realm and distinctly separate from earth.
- When people died on earth, they went to heaven (Revelation 6:9).

# PRESENT HEAVEN

- They are given robes (6:11) suggesting they have actual physical forms that John could see.
- They have to wait longer (6:11) - they live in anticipation of God's promises.
- There is time in heaven (6:10-11).
- They pray in heaven (6:10) - asking God to take specific action.

# ETERNAL HEAVEN

- The New Heaven and Earth come at the end of Tribulation (Revelation 21-22).
- Heaven is a country (Luke 19:12; Heb. 11:14-16) and a city (Heb. 11:16; 12:22; 13:14; Rev. 21:12).
- Heaven is a place of beauty (Revelation 21:19-21).
- Streets of gold, buildings of pearls and emeralds and precious stones.

# ETERNAL HEAVEN

- Heaven's gates will always be open so people can travel in and out (Rev. 21:24-25; 22:14).
- The great city is the capital of an endless empire, called a heavenly country (Hebrews 11:16).
- Believers in this new heaven “shall see His face” (Revelation 22:4).

# ETERNAL HEAVEN

- What do we do in heaven?
  - Worship God (Rev. 4-5).
  - Rest from our labors (Rev. 14).
  - Eat, drink, and celebrate (Rev. 19).
  - Serve God (Rev. 22)
  - Explore universe - “seated in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 2:6).

# THREE ERAS OF EARTH

Past	Present	Future
Genesis 1-2	Gen 3 - Rev 20	Rev 21-22
Original mankind	Fallen mankind	Resurrected
Original earth	Fallen earth	New earth
No shame	Shame	No shame

# THREE ERAS OF EARTH

Past	Present	Future
Tree of life	In paradise	Tree of life
Sin unknown	Sin corrupts	Sin removed
No death	Death	Death removed
First Adam	Second Adam	Last Adam

# THREE ERAS OF EARTH

Past	Present	Future
Creation perfect	Creation / sin	Creation restored
Paradise	Paradise lost	Paradise restored
Mankind rules	Mankind banished	Mankind rules
Plan revealed	Plan delayed	Plan realized

# QUESTIONS ABOUT HEAVEN

# RESURRECTION BODIES

- Eventually all believers will have resurrection bodies: Job 19:25-27; Dan. 12:2-3; 1 Cor. 15:12-58; Phil. 3:21; 1 Thess. 4:16-17; Revelation 20:4-6.
- Jesus has a physical resurrection body (John 21:1-14). Jesus wasn't immediately recognized a few times (John 20:15; Luke 24:15-16).
- Jesus ate food in his resurrection body (Luke 14:15; 22:18). He will eat and drink in heaven.

# RESURRECTION BODIES

- Before the resurrection, we may have temporary pre-resurrection bodies.
- Rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16).
- Pre-resurrected people doing things and wearing robes (Revelation 6:11).
- Awaiting resurrection bodies (1 Cor. 15).

# DO WE KNOW EACH OTHER?

- Mount of Transfiguration (Luke 9:31) - Peter, James, and John knew Moses and Elijah (dead for a thousand years).
- We will sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Matthew 8:11).
- We see through glass darkly, but will be known in heaven (1 Corinthians 13:12).

# KNOW EVENTS ON EARTH?

- Hebrews 12 - surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.
- Luke 15 - rejoicing in heaven for one sinner who repents.
- Revelation 6 - those in heaven know what is happening during Tribulation.

# EAT IN HEAVEN?

- Resurrected Jesus ate (Luke 24:41-43).
- In heaven we have the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9).
- In New Heaven and New Earth - tree of life, fruits for eating, leaves for healing (Revelation 22).

# ANIMALS IN HEAVEN?

- Horses (2 Kings 2:11; Revelation 6:2-8).
- Animals in millennial kingdom will probably also be in New Heaven and New Earth (lamb, lion, etc.).
- Humans were given dominion over the creation (Genesis 1-2) and will reign with Christ in heaven (Revelation 20-22).

# SURPRISES IN HEAVEN?

John Newton - “If I ever reach heaven I expect to find three wonders: first, to meet some I had not thought to see there; second, to miss some I had expected to see there; and third, the greatest wonder of all, to find myself there.”

