

Harmony of the Gospels

Four lessons on discipleship Luke 17:1-10

- Be a good steward of your influence vv. 1-3
- Be a good steward with your forgiveness vv. 3-4
- Be a good steward of your faith vv. 5-6
- Be a good steward of your servanthood vv. 7-10

Sickness and death of Lazarus John 11:1-16

- We have already met this family as recorded in Luke 10:38-42 and will see them again in John 12 as previewed here in 11:2
- The love of Jesus for Lazarus and his sisters, Mary and Martha, is clearly indicated. vv. 3, 5
- A bewildering action by Jesus vv. 5-6
- Seemingly contradictory statements by Jesus. vv. 4, 11-15
 - Always realize that when we seem to have conflicting information from God we do not yet have all of the story.

Sickness and death of Lazarus John 11:1-16

- In returning to Judah Jesus teaches his disciples then and now that the specter of opposition never gives us the excuse to opt out of God's obedience to God's direction.
- Thomas has been much criticized for his doubt but cannot be faulted for his lack of loyalty to Christ and his courage.

Lazarus raised from the dead John 11:17-44

- The words and actions of both Martha and Mary reveal hurt and confusion and, as a result, are distraught.
 - Confusion over the obvious delay of Jesus in coming to heal their brother.
 - Their identical words to Jesus revealed their level of faith in Him. What they had not quite grasped is that Jesus is God.
vv22-27

Lazarus raised from the dead John 11:17-44

- The raising of Lazarus:
 - Unprecedented action
 - Reveals that God will take us through intense sorrow to reveal His truth. This suffering was neither senseless nor needless, it was strategic.
 - Reveals that the times when we are not hearing from God as we would like are times when God is preparing us to reveal a greater revelation of who He is and who we are.