

## Death as Sleep

*John 11:1-44*

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Hebrews 9:27 states “it is appointed unto men once to \_\_\_\_\_”, clearly indicating a fact we each have observed. Unless the second coming of Christ comes first, death awaits us \_\_\_\_\_. The final \_\_\_\_\_ in the realm of works Jesus did was that of bringing Lazarus back to \_\_\_\_\_ life. He used the figure of sleep in the presence of death.

### A. Stages in This Experience

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 1, 3)
  - a. Frailty of \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. God would be \_\_\_\_\_ in doing a mighty work.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14)
  - a. Sin, when it is \_\_\_\_\_, brings death (James 1:15)
  - b. Romans 7:9
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 44)
  - a. Resurrection can only come \_\_\_\_\_ death.
  - b. John 12:24
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 44)
  - a. All we can do for the dead is to bind and \_\_\_\_\_ them.
  - b. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ him for service.

### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of God Revealed

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4)
  - a. He is not just the \_\_\_\_\_ of men.
  - b. Philippians 2
2. His \_\_\_\_\_ and compassion (vv. 5, 35)
  - a. Though divine, Jesus was also perfectly \_\_\_\_\_.

b. He demonstrated \_\_\_\_\_ and compassion.

3. His \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15)
  - a. He could see beyond the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. For the joy that was set before Him . . . (Heb. 12:2)
4. His indignation over the sin of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 33)
  - a. After a strong confession of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 27)
  - b. Faith was be \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 41)
5. His \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 43-44)
  - a. He \_\_\_\_\_ and it was done.
  - b. There was no \_\_\_\_\_ about the outcome.

### C. The Figure of Death as \_\_\_\_\_

1. Words used for death
  - a. “Thanatos” – \_\_\_\_\_ word for death (vv. 4, 13)
  - b. “Thnesko” – a strengthened \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 39, 44)
  - c. “Apothnesko” – an \_\_\_\_\_ form of death
2. The figure of speech
  - a. Jesus knew their \_\_\_\_\_ of death.
  - b. He knew the fact of death they did \_\_\_\_\_ know.
  - c. Jesus never looked at life as \_\_\_\_\_, but at the moment under the circumstances. (“Lazarus is sleeping.”)
  - d. Sleep is \_\_\_\_\_ cessation of being even on the human level.
  - e. During sleep we are \_\_\_\_\_ of things around us.
  - f. Jesus knew Lazarus was not dead in the full and deep \_\_\_\_\_ of the word. His \_\_\_\_\_ continued beyond physical death.
  - g. Jesus spoke to Lazarus’ personality, not to his \_\_\_\_\_, and “he that was dead came forth”.