

Helping Jesus Raise the Dead

John 11:38-44

Jesus Calls Us to Take Away the Stone

(John 11:38-39a) Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said.

(Verse 39b) "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

(John 11:40) Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

Many stones keep people from Christ, but the heaviest ones may be the hearts of His people.

Some of the stones that need to be rolled away are circumstances outside us.

Other stones that need to be rolled away are fearful feelings and unloving attitudes inside us.

Jesus Says, "Lazarus, Come Out!"

(John 11:43) When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

Jesus calls every Lazarus by name.

He calls every Lazarus to respond to His voice.

Jesus Tells Us to Unbind People that they May Be Free to Live

(John 11:44) The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Jesus has the power to bring the dead to life.

He wants you and me to help.