

A Study of John's Gospel

Lesson 14: Jesus returns to Judea (11:1-27)

At the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, there was a second attempt on Jesus' life (10:22). The first attempt had been during the Feast of Booths and resulted from His teaching and the sharp contrast that he made between Himself and the Jewish leaders (8:59). Eluding the grasp of the Jews, He withdraws to the place beyond the Jordan where John was first baptizing and where Jesus' ministry began. Chapter 11 is a transition between the teaching ministry of Jesus and the final events that lead to His glorification.

Lazarus' sisters report his illness to Jesus (11:1-4)

Who are the individuals involved in this account and what is their relationship to Jesus?

What message did the sisters of Lazarus send to Jesus?

How did Jesus explain the significance of Lazarus' illness?

Jesus delays going to Bethany (11:5-6)

What was the reason that Jesus did not immediately travel to Bethany upon hearing of Lazarus' illness?

What lesson can we learn from Jesus response to the message from Lazarus' sisters?

Jesus proposes to return to Judea (11:7-10)

How did the disciples respond to Jesus' proposal to return to Judea?

What allegory did Jesus use to explain to the disciples why they were returning to Judea?

What did the allegory mean?

Jesus explains Lazarus' death to the disciples (11:11-16)

How did Jesus describe Lazarus' death to the disciples?

How did the disciples misunderstand Jesus' description of Lazarus' death?

How did Jesus explain the purpose in Lazarus' death?

How did Thomas respond to the idea of returning to Judea?

Jesus approaches Bethany (11:17-19)

As Jesus approaches Bethany, what two observations did John record?

Martha greets Jesus (11:20-22)

How did Martha demonstrate her faith in Jesus?

Jesus claims to be the resurrection and the life (11:23-29)

What assurance did Jesus give to Martha?

How did Martha misunderstand Jesus' statement?

What paradox did Jesus present to Martha?

How did Martha answer the question that Jesus posed to her?

What did Martha do after she answered Jesus' question?