



Lazarus,
come forth.

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A Study guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ

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INTRODUCTION:

In this Study Guide on “Raising the Dead”, the main question is - Is it for today ???

Although, I thought I had never been involved in seeing a person “Raised from the Dead”; while writing this Study Guide, the Lord reminded me of the situation we were involved in while on a Missionary journey to the Philippines.

We were personally involved with the “Raising of the Dead” with a young man who had drowned in the ocean in Northern Luzon.

While ministering at a youth camp south of San Fernando La Union, my wife (Lavona) and I and another Missionary (David), were called to help pull out of the ocean a young man named Lester. He had gone to help rescue some girls that had gotten into trouble in the water.

Although he couldn’t swim, he hung onto a rope in the water while helping the girls. As they got out unharmed, he began to sink, and by the time we arrived at the water’s edge, he had drowned and was not breathing.

We were able to pull him out and immediately started applying cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

After a while it seemed futile, although we did get him to breathe at a point, he soon stopped.

We then carried him several hundred yards back to the camp, where the Pastor’s wife (Ruth) who was in charge, came running up to him. After many minutes of our unsuccessful rescue efforts, she took over and began to weep and pray. She reminded the Lord that he had called Lester to be a minister. At the same time, she spoke to the young man about his Call, and that he had been running from that Call.

While praying, she began pulling on his hair violently over and over again.

Many of the young people along with ourselves began crying out to the Lord while Ruth continued to pull on his hair. Eventually, water started coming out of his mouth, and he began to regain consciousness. Soon he was able to breathe, but could not get up.

They took him and put him in a Nipa Hut, and let him sleep, while I protested that he should go to a hospital. It was quite far and of course they had little money.

They said they trusted in the Lord. As for Me, I had little faith.

Although I believe the cardiopulmonary resuscitation helped some to maintain him, I believe it was the prayers, and for some strange reason the pulling of his hair that brought this young man back to life. We know that the Lord honored this simple Faith.

The young man did fully recover, and he repented from his lifestyle, and is now serving the Lord as a Pastor in the mountains of Luzon. He is married with a couple of children, and we are continuing to help him through the 'Mabuhay Connection' with his Ministry. PTL!

The following Scriptures describe the "Raising of the Dead", (not the resurrection), by the Prophets Elijah and Elisha; by Jesus; and by the Apostles Peter and Paul. Jesus also sends out the disciples to "Raise the Dead".

I. ELIJAH RAISES A SON FROM THE DEAD:

Elijah raises a son of a widow in Zarephath from the dead, but it takes three tries. Elijah laid on the child three times and prayed, and he revived.

IKing 17:10

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

IKing 17:17-24

17 And it came to pass after these things, that **the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.**

18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

19 **And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.**

20 **And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?**

21 **And he stretched himself upon the child three times,** and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

22 **And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.**

23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, **See, thy son liveth.**

24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

II. ELISHA RAISES A CHILD FROM THE DEAD:

Elisha had a double portion of Elijah's Spirit and his mantle.

Elisha raises a child from the Dead. The child was a son that was born to a baron woman that Elisha had prayed that she would have. Then he died.

Elisha didn't know about it, and he didn't know what to do.

First he tried by sending his servant to raise the child with his staff. Finally he went himself and lay on the child twice, and he lived.

II Ki 4:17-20

17 **And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her,** according to the time of life.

18 **And when the child was grown, it fell** on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

19 **And he said unto his father, My head, my head.** And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

20 **And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.**

II Ki 4:22

22 And she called unto her husband, and said, **Send me,** I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, **that I may run to the man of God,** and come again.

II Ki 4:25

25 **So she went and came unto the man of God** to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite:

II Ki 4:27-37

27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and **the LORD hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.** (Notice, Elisha wasn't sure what was happening.)

28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?

29 **Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way:** if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: **and lay my staff upon the face of the child.**

30 And the mother of the child said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.

31 And **Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing.** Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, **The child is not awaked.** (This didn't work)

32 **And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.**

33 **He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.**

34 **And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.**

35 **Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.** (Notice, Elisha prayed and then laid on the child twice, where as Elijah did it three times)

36 And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, **Take up thy son.**

37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

III. JESUS RAISES THE DEAD:

Jesus proves who He is by the “Raising of the Dead” as well as other Miracles.

Matt 11:2-5

2 Now when **John** had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

3 And **said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?**

4 **Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:**

5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, **the dead are raised up**, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Luke 7:22

22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, **the dead are raised**, to the poor the gospel is preached.

IV. JESUS RAISES THE RULER’S DAUGHTER:

Jesus “Raises the Dead” twelve year old daughter of a ruler.

1, 2, and 3 are descriptions of the same story:

1.

Matt 9:18-19

18 While he spake these things unto them, behold, **there came a certain ruler**, and worshipped him, saying, **My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.**

19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.

Matt 9:23-26

23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise,

24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.

25 **But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.**

26 And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.
(Jesus touched and spoke life into the young girl)

2.**Mark 5:22-23**

22 And, behold, there cometh **one of the rulers** of the synagogue, **Jairus by name**; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet,

23 And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.

Mark 5:35-43

35 While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, **Thy daughter is dead**: why troublest thou the Master any further?

36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, **Be not afraid, only believe.**

37 And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.

38 And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.

39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.

40 And they laughed him to scorn. **But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.**

41 **And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.**

42 **And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years.** And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

43 And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

3.**Luke 8:41-42**

41 And, behold, **there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler** of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house:

42 **For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age,** and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him.

Luke 8:49-56

49 While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, **Thy daughter is dead**; trouble not the Master.

50 But when **Jesus** heard it, he answered him, **saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.**

51 And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden.

52 And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth.

53 And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead.

54 **And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise.**

55 **And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.**

56 And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done.

(Jesus touched and spoke life into the young girl)

V. JESUS RAISES A DEAD MAN IN A CASKET:

Jesus “Raises the Dead” man in a casket just by touching it and calling him out.

Luke 7:11-17

11 And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people.

12 Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, **behold, there was a dead man carried out**, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.

13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

14 **And he came and touched the bier:** and they that bare him stood still. **And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.**

15 **And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak.** And he delivered him to his mother.

16 And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

17 And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judaea, and throughout all the region round about.

VI. JESUS RAISES LAZARUS:

Jesus “Raises Lazarus from the Dead” by calling him out of a tomb.

This was for Jesus’ glory.

John 11:1-7

1 **Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus**, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

4 When Jesus heard that, he said, **This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.**

5 **Now Jesus loved Martha**, and her sister, and **Lazarus.**

6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.

7 Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again.

John 11:11

11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

John 11:14-15

14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, **Lazarus is dead.**

15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

John 11:17

17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.

John 11:21-23

21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

22 But **I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.**

23 **Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.**

John 11:35

35 **Jesus wept.**

John 11:39-45

39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, **Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.**

40 Jesus saith unto her, **Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?**

41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And **Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.**

42 **And I knew that thou hearest me always:** but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

43 And when he thus had spoken, **he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.**

44 **And he that was dead came forth,** bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

John 12:1-2

1 Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, **where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.**

2 **There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.**

VII. THE APOSTLES ARE SENT TO RAISE THE DEAD:

The Apostles are given ‘power’ by Jesus and are sent to “Raise the Dead”.

Matt 10:1

1 **And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power** against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Matt 10:7-8

7 **And as ye go, preach, saying,** The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, **raise the dead,** cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

VIII. PETER RAISES TABITHA FROM THE DEAD:

Peter “Raises Tabitha from the Dead” by praying for her and speaking life into her.

Acts 9:36-42

36 **Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha,** which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

37 **And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom** when they had washed, **they laid her in an upper chamber.**

38 And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them.

39 **Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber:** and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

40 **But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.** (Peter prayed and spoke life into girl)

41 **And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up,** and when he had called the saints and widows, **presented her alive.**

42 And it was known throughout all Joppa; **and many believed in the Lord.**

IX. PAUL RAISES EUTYCHUS FROM THE DEAD:

Paul “Raised Eutychus from the Dead” after he fell out of a window and died.

Paul fell on the man once and embraced him, and he lived.

Acts 20:7-12

7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, **Paul preached unto them**, ready to depart on the morrow; **and continued his speech until midnight.**

8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

9 **And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep:** and as Paul was long preaching, **he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.**

10 **And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.** (Paul laid on the man only once)

11 When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.

12 **And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.**

CONCLUSION:

Can we still "Raise the Dead" today?

Are these words still True today?

You must decide!

Matt 21:21-22

21 **Jesus answered and said** unto them, Verily I say unto you, **If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.**

22 **And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.**

John 14:12-14

12 **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.**

13 **And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**

14 **If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.**

AMEN!

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