

Message Notes

"The Raising of Lazarus: The Glory of God Revealed"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New Revised Standard Version)

Introduction – *"It's all for the glory of God!"*

Isaiah 48:9-11

Isaiah 42:8-12

C.S. Lewis in *The Problem of Pain*

Hey, what's going on? (John 11:1-36)

The Main Event: The Raising of Lazarus

Where have you laid him? (vr. 34)

Jesus declares his emotion again (vr. 38)

"Did I not tell you that you would see the glory of God?" (vrs. 39-41a)

Romans 1:21-25

Romans 3:22b, 23

Romans 5:1, 2

C. S. Lewis in *Reflections on the Psalms*

Speaking for our benefit (vrs. 41b-42)

"Lazarus, come out!" (vr. 43)

"Take off the grave clothes and let him go" (vr. 44)

Application – *"Do you glory in the glory of God?"*

Isaiah 48:9-11

⁹For my own name's sake I delay my wrath; for the sake of my praise I hold it back from you, so as not to cut you off. ¹⁰See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. ¹¹For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this. How can I let myself be defamed? I will not yield my glory to another.

Isaiah 42:8-12

⁸"I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you." ¹⁰Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you islands, and all who live in them. ¹¹Let the desert and its towns raise their voices; let the settlements where Kedar lives rejoice. Let the people of Sela sing for joy; let them shout from the mountaintops. ¹²Let them give glory to the LORD and proclaim his praise in the islands.

John 11:38-44

³⁸Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹"Take away the stone," he said. "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." ⁴⁰Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The 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."

Romans 1:21-25

²¹For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. ²⁴Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. ²⁵They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator – who is for ever praised. Amen.

Romans 3:22b, 23

^{22b} There is no difference, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans 5:1, 2

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.