



**“CONSIDER CHRIST”**  
**MEDITATE ON WHO JESUS IS AND THE STRENGTH HE GIVES**

**“CONSIDER HIS OMNIPOTENCE”**  
**Text: John 11:1-11**

**INTRODUCTION:** In reading through the Gospels, readers are given the opportunity to see all the attributes of the Lord’s deity. In John 11, Jesus clearly proved to all of mankind that He was truly God Himself, as He revealed His power over death. As Jesus began to reveal the attributes of His deity, we should remember that there were two main purposes for His miraculous works. First, Jesus performed miracles so that we might see the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (**John 1:14**). The second reason for the miracles that Jesus performed was so that in seeing, mankind would believe on Him as the Only Begotten Son of God. It was through the performing of miracles that Jesus validated His claims to Sonship with God. Many miracles that Jesus performed are not recorded in the Bible (**John 20:30-31**). Despite the miracles of Jesus, many witnesses of the miracles refused to trust and to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ. Jesus would not allow the *disbelief* of men to stop Him from proving His *Omnipotence* to those who would believe. Our study takes us to the village of Bethany, and to the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus – devoted and dear friends of Jesus.

**I. CHRIST’S \_\_\_\_\_ AT BETHANY (11:1-14)**

Lazarus is deathly ill and Mary and Martha call for Jesus to come. Jesus waits two days before going to Bethany (6); Lazarus dies, and Mary and Martha think it’s too late for a miracle to help.

**A. It Was \_\_\_\_\_ (11:6)**

By the time Jesus arrives in Bethany, Lazarus dies.

Mary and Martha are soon to learn that a *delay on our timetable* is never a delay on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hebrews 12:3** - In times of our weariness and faintness, we must “consider \_\_\_\_\_”!

**B. It Was \_\_\_\_\_ (11:4)**

In every trial known to man, we must remember that God has a *purpose*. (**Romans 8:28**)

We often think that *human difficulties* are all tied to someone’s sin. (**John 9:1-3**)

The “*tardiness of Jesus to Bethany*” served a two-fold purpose: (**John 11:10-16**)

**1. God would be \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2. The Disciples would \_\_\_\_\_.**

We are wise to remember that “***When God is going to do something wonderful, He starts with the difficult. When God is going to do something miraculous, He starts with the impossible.***”

## II. CHRIST'S \_\_\_\_\_ AT BETHANY (11:17-38)

It was in Bethany that the disciples saw a glimpse of their Savior's heart.

Our Savior's dealings in Bethany remind us that we have a *High Priest* Who can be touched.

(Hebrews 4:15)

### A. A \_\_\_\_\_ Passion (11:21)

Martha and Mary were both initially bothered by the timing of Jesus. (21)

Jesus experiences our \_\_\_\_\_ and He feels our \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. A \_\_\_\_\_ Passion (11:3,33-36)

It is in these verses that we see the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus. (Proverbs 18:24)

We find not only *sympathy* in these verses, but the **EMPATHY** shown by Jesus.

(Isaiah 53:3, I Peter 5:7, I John 4:10)

**Christ's Purpose and Passion at Bethany were clear, but it didn't end there, we also see....**

## III. CHRIST'S \_\_\_\_\_ AT BETHANY (11:23-26)

Jesus brought hope to the heart of Martha, by assuring her that Lazarus would rise again.

### A. The Power of \_\_\_\_\_.

The hope that this world offers is baseless and has no substance, but Jesus offers hope that is more powerful than \_\_\_\_\_ itself. (Titus 2:13-14).

### B. The Power of \_\_\_\_\_ (11:38-44)

**Three resurrections** are recorded in the Gospels, in addition to the resurrection of Jesus:

1. A twelve-year old \_\_\_\_\_ . (Luke 8:49-56)
2. A young man who had been dead for hours (Luke 7:11-17)
3. Lazarus, who had been in the tomb for \_\_\_\_\_ days.

The *Power of Christ* is so great that all that die in Jesus will be resurrected!

The doubts of many were eliminated as Jesus raised \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead.

**CONCLUSION:** One day, the very same voice that called Lazarus from the dead will call the dead in Christ to life (*I Thessalonians 4:16-17*). The miracles that Jesus performed were to call unbelievers to a life of belief (*John 20:30-31/ Romans 10:10*). Many times, the strength that we need in any given moment of any day, is the same power found by bolstering our faith in the **Omnipotence of God**. God has a plan for each of our lives and though at times, it is hard for us to see, we must continue to **trust** and **believe** that His ways are far better than our own. The *Omnipotence of Christ* is comforting, not only because Christ has all power, but because He chooses to use it on our behalf. Take heart restless and weary pilgrim, the God of the Universe is working in us and for us for His \_\_\_\_\_ and not our own.