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JESUS STILL RAISES PEOPLE FROM THE DEAD

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"But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus." John 12:10-11, NKJV



The miracle Jesus performed of raising Lazarus from the dead was truly astonishing to the people of that day. Even in our day it is not an everyday event someone dies and literally comes back to life again. I think most of us would agree it sounds like something you'd see in a sci-fi flick. However, I believe the Word of God is true and, therefore, do not doubt that Jesus actually called Lazarus by name, his spirit returned to his body and he hobbled out of the tomb in his burial wrappings. This miracle captured the hearts of the people and, as the scripture said, it caused many of the Jews to believe in Jesus. This angered the chief priests, who were the leaders of the Jewish temple and had influenced over the

people. They resented the fact that Jesus was gaining more followers than anyone they had ever known and desired to put Lazarus to death...again, as if Jesus could not raise him up...again.

Born again Christians are today's proof to the world that Jesus still raises people from the dead! We were dead in trespasses and sins, but through the cross of Jesus and his resurrection, He has given every believer the chance to be risen from a state of death because of sin, to a state of everlasting life through Jesus Christ. This angers our enemy, Satan, and he plots daily to try to kill every child of God he can. He fails to realize his efforts are not going to change the fact that as long as our lives lift up the name of Jesus, He will continue to draw men unto Him.

Think about this, Satan's plot to kill Jesus has drawn more people to Christ than ever. Hopefully you are one of them! Be aware of the fact our enemy does not want people to walk away from him and serve Jesus. The kingdom of darkness will continue to plot to put us to death, but I praise God there are many of us determined to live to the glory of God and attract people to Jesus so He can raise them from the dead, also.

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