

Lazarus, Come Out!

John 11:1-44

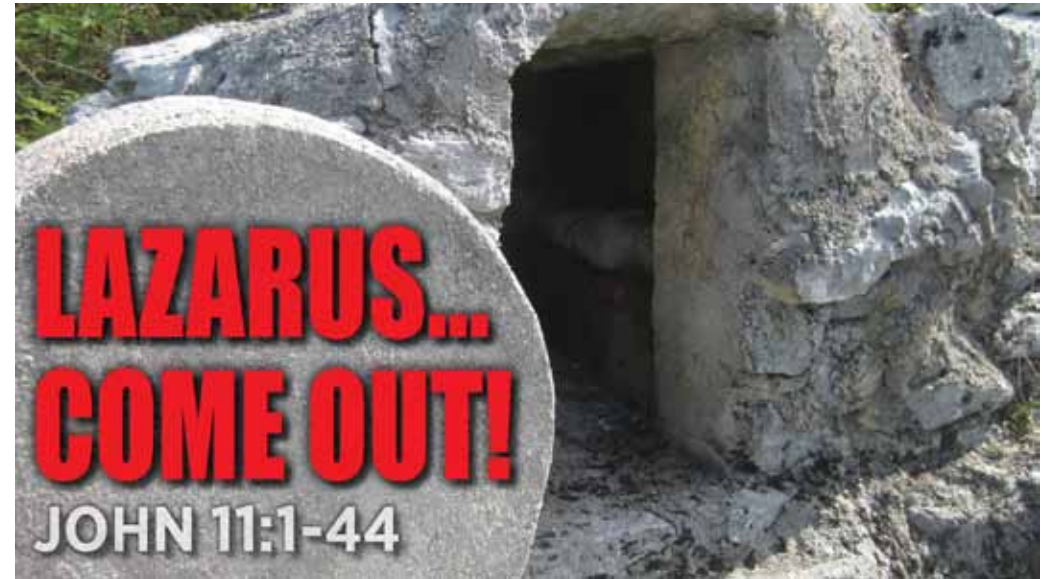
INTRODUCTION: A “no singing allowed” funeral . . .

I. COME WITH ME TO ANOTHER ‘NO SINGING FUNERAL’, IN A VILLAGE CALLED BETHANY *(John 11)*

- A. It was Lazarus’ funeral
- B. The people there were in a prison of fear
- C. *The Japanese soldier Shoikoi Yokoi – in a 28 year self-made prison*
- D. We are here today on Easter Sunday to look death right in the eye

II. COME BACK WITH ME TO BETHANY & LAZARUS’ FUNERAL *(John 11)*

- A. Jesus has shown and will show that He is stronger than death
- B. No stone has ever stood in God’s way:
Jesus declared: “**Remove the stone!**”
- C. *The Countess whose stone tomb could not stand in God’s way*



III. WE RETURN TO BETHANY ONE LAST TIME & TO LAZARUS’ TOMB *(John 11)*

- A. Jesus said: “**Lazarus, Come Out!**”
- B. The raising of Lazarus is just an “appetizer” to Easter’s “main course”
- C. Jesus said then & says today: “***I am the resurrection and the life!***”
- D. *The Brazilian missionary who led his people through the river of death*
- E. Jesus leads you & me through the river of death

CONCLUSION: *Just as Jesus declared, “Lazarus, come out!”*

He will one day call you by name and declare:

“ _____, come out!”