



## No Grave

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**Resurrection is not merely about one man (here, Lazarus) and one family. Resurrection changes everything and puts all of creation into its proper perspective.**

Colossians 1:20 NIV And through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

**The resurrection of Lazarus shows Jesus' compassion.**

**The resurrection of Lazarus foreshadowed Jesus own resurrection from the dead.**

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“The decision to delay is therefore to be explained as the deliberate refusal to be manipulated but to await his Father’s timing. Above all, the delay ensured that Lazarus had been dead long enough that no-one could misinterpret the miracle as a mere resuscitation, effected before the man’s spirit had properly left the area [a common belief that the soul left after three days when the body starts to decompose]. The miracle that Jesus actually performed therefore confirmed the faith of his disciples and friends with dramatic power that would have been lacking if Jesus had responded immediately to the plea for help

**D.A. Carson**, *The Gospel According to John*

“The point of the resurrection is not simply that the creator God has done something remarkable for one solitary individual (as people today sometimes imagine is the supposed thrust of the Easter proclamation), but that, in and through the resurrection, the present evil age has been invaded by the age to come, the time of restoration, return, covenant renewal, and forgiveness. An event has occurred as a result of which the world is a different place, and human beings have the new possibility to become a different kind of people

**N. T. Wright**, *The Resurrection of the Son of God*

