

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding an open, thick book. The book is held vertically, and the pages are slightly fanned out. A bright, golden light source is positioned behind the book, creating a dramatic lens flare effect with several rays of light extending upwards and outwards. The background is dark, making the light and the book stand out. The overall mood is one of reverence and enlightenment.

BOOK *of* JOHN

OUR FINAL FOE (PART 3)

John 11:40-57

CAN YOU IMAGINE THE SCENE?

“Lazarus, come forth.”

*Martha, I would love to, but I’m
a bit tied up right now!*

At first, all they could see was just a black hole, then a grayish figure rose slowly off the bench inside the entrance.

“Lazarus, is it really you?”

The words clogged together in her throat.

THE FINAL FOE IS DEFEATED

The experience of Lazarus is an illustration of what occurs to all sinners when we trust the Savior. **Eph. 2:1-10**

The truth is, no person can be “more dead” than another. Dead is dead; alive is alive.

- Lazarus and all who trust Christ have been given new life and lifted out of the graveyard of sin. **John 5:24**
- Lazarus was set free from the grave clothes. **Col. 3:1**
- We will find him seated with Christ at the table (**John 12:2**); all believers are “seated with Christ.” **Eph. 2:6**

THE TALKING DEAD

Dead people love the company of other dead folks.

- Caiaphas and his friends were actually spiritually dead. *“The enemy of my enemy is my friend.”*
- Yet God can cause even dead people to speak truth.
- Unbeknownst to himself, Caiaphas, the truly dead man, uttered a divine prophecy: Jesus would die for the nation so that the nation would not perish. *“For the transgression of My people was He stricken.”* **Isa. 53:8**
- God was working out His eternal plan. **Acts 2:23**

THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF MUMMY TO MAJESTY *Colossians 3:1-2*

The three Gospel accounts of Jesus raising the dead:

- 1. CONFESSION:** Converts should learn to talk for Christ (**Luke 7:11-16**)—Our Witness
- 2. COMMUNION:** Converts should feed on the Bread of Life (**Luke 8:51-55**)—The Word
- 3. CONSECRATION:** Converts should walk in newness of life—today's story (**John 11:40-57**)—Our Walk

THE CROSS HAS LOOSED US IN CHRIST

- How could he walk when his feet were tied?
- How could he work when his hands were bound?
- How could he speak distinctly when a cloth held his jaws in a vice-like grip?

The Lord said to them, “Loose him and let him go.”

This is both our confession and communion.

***BY THE GRACE OF THE CROSS
WE ARE ALIVE FOREVER!***

*Remembering
the Sacrifice*

