

Intro: Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead**John 11:38-44**

- Why did Jesus not hurry and do something? V37
- Was Jesus leaving us an example of what to do when something in our lives has died, failed, fallen sick or is dormant?

1) Dead thing do exist

- Jesus faced death on the cross Jhn 12:27
- We too experience death situation
- What is our response / reaction?
- Jesus had to participate in the cross
- **Jesus needs us to participate in bringing them to life.**

2) It's your move – MOVE THE STONE

- From the story of Lazarus's death....Jesus shows Mary and Martha it's their move
- **He's asking us to take away the stone**
 - We might be groaning at the death (pain)
 - We might be Weeping (tears)
 - Jesus still instructs us to roll away the stone

3) Put On / Put Off - What's keeping the stone in place?**a) Spiritual Laziness?**

Prov 26:13-16

b) Partnership**Eph 4:21-24****Put Off** = *cast off, lay apart (aside, down), put away***Put On** = *in the sense of sinking into a garment; to invest with clothing (literally or figuratively): —array, clothe (with), endue, have on.***4) Glory Revealed**

- *Jesus: ...if you would believe you would see the glory of God* Jhn 11:40-41
- He is coming at the appointed time; When we **mobilised, to PUT OFF/PUT ON**

5) Conclusion:

- Not all about self-effort
- Ephesian 4 continues after "Put off" ...
Instead, let the Spirit (**Light**) renew your thoughts and attitudes **Eph 4:23**
- We may feel like these old unused, lifeless lighthouses
- But if we will Put Off the excuses, the attitudes the wrong thinking and allow the Light Keeper in the door
- He can come in and sweep away dust, failures / dormancy / rust and death.

Like a game of chess if your opponent doesn't make their move the game stops