

Title: Tomb Raider - John 11:38-44

Read:

³⁸⁻³⁹Then Jesus, the anger again welling up within him, arrived at the tomb. It was a simple cave in the hillside with a slab of stone laid against it. Jesus said, "Remove the stone." The sister of the dead man, Martha, said, "Master, by this time there's a stench. He's been dead four days!" ⁴⁰Jesus looked her in the eye. "Didn't I tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹⁻⁴²Then, to the others, "Go ahead, take away the stone." They removed the stone. Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed, "Father, I'm grateful that you have listened to me. I know you always do listen, but on account of this crowd standing here I've spoken so that they might believe that you sent me." ⁴³⁻⁴⁴Then he shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" And he came out, a cadaver, wrapped from head to toe, and with a kerchief over his face. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him loose."

Think:

Jesus is the ultimate Tomb Raider. Forget Lara Croft or even Indiana Jones, Jesus is the one who will ultimately find precious jewels in the tombs of this world. Jesus not only had the power from our God to raise Lazarus from the dead, but later in the Bible we will discover he plans to do the same in the future. When Jesus died on the cross for us, he set into motion, a plan that will make this miracle look like a sneeze compared to a tornado. When Jesus returns to this Earth, he is not only going to call all those who are alive and trust in him to come forward, but all those who have died as well. Yep, Jesus is going to raise from the dead, those who have put their faith in him and have since died. We are not talking about some gross zombie movie here, oh no, our Jesus, is a better tomb raider than that. The believers who have died will have the best bodies they can. Even if they died with health problems they will be raised completely whole. How cool is that? You and I, will be running around with the ones we loved who knew Jesus when they died. We will be running around, with Paul the apostle, John Wesley, Billy Graham, Sue Pigney, John Newton, and other heroes of our faith as well. Our God is a massive God and raising his follows from the dead is no problem for the creator of the universe.

Pray:

Father, thank you for giving us the great gift of knowing, whatever state we are in when we die, ultimately, we will be raised to be with you completely whole. Lord you really are a great God. Amen.

Action:

If you didn't recognise some of those names why not check out some of the heroes of our faith. Do some research and see what you can learn from others that loved Jesus. Bye for now.

Today's Dev, is dedicated to Sue Pigney, a true hero of our faith.