

John 11 - That the Son of God May Be Glorified - & That You May Believe

He loves people and is moved by human grief

- Joh 11:1-57 ESV Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her³ sister Martha. 2 It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent to him, saying, "**Lord, he whom you love is ill.**"
- Vs 5 Now **Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.**
- Vs 35-36 **Jesus wept.** 36 So the Jews said, "**See how he loved him!**"

When we are confident of His love, we are able to call upon Him

Everything Jesus does is for the Glory of God

4 But when Jesus heard it he said, "**This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.**"

He glorified God by accomplishing the work

- Joh 17:4 ESV I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.
- This miracle seemed to accelerate the movement toward

What about us, can we do everything for the glory of God?

- 1Co 10:31 ESV So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
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What is for the Glory of God do not always fit our purpose, understanding or timeline

5 Now **Jesus loved** Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, **he stayed two days longer** in the place where he was. 7 Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

- When he heard Lazarus was ill - He STAYED TWO DAYS LONGER
- He loved them...SO he waited...love for them and the purpose of the Glory of God meant to WAIT until Lazarus died
- You wonder how Mary and Martha felt? (IF YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN HERE.....)

But, know that He Loves Us

He does/allows things for our sake - that we may believe

Vs 11 After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." 12 The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." 13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "**Lazarus has**

died, **15 and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe.** But let us go to him."
16 So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." 17 Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had **already been in the tomb four days.**

So many became angry, disbelieving or offended when something happens in life...are we able to even consider these possibilities?

- It was for the **Glory of God**
 - It was because **He loved them**
 - It was because **He wanted them to believe**
 - **If you are angry at God today - let's pray**
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Our struggle to believe for the present

Joh 11:21-25 ESV Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

- If you had been here - **easy to believe for yesterday**
- Even now I know whatever you ask - **lip service for today**
- Jesus moves the conversation to the present - here and now
- I know he will rise on the last day - **easy to believe for the future**

Jesus cares about what we believe **"Do you believe this?"**

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, **WHOEVER believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,** 26 and **EVERYONE who lives and believes in me shall never die.** Do you believe this?"

She seems to avoid the question -- that is not what he asked her -- Maybe she didn't believe

27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."
28 When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "*The Teacher is here and is calling for you.*"

We care about our struggle, our grief...Jesus is thinking more globally, eternally

WHOEVER, EVERYONE - we are concerned about LAZARUS - I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE RESURRECTION ON THE LAST DAY --- **the Key is THAT YOU BELIEVE** - so his Act for the Glory of God, that the son of God be Glorified is SO THAT THEY BELIEVE HIM - HE IS MESSIAH - Lazarus raised now -- it is temporary he will die someday -- in the resurrection he will live forever

Jesus is moved by our grief - even though He knew the outcome...he identified with them

32 Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "**Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.**"

- Joh 11:33 ESV **When Jesus saw her weeping**, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, **he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.**
- 35 **Jesus wept**
- 38 Then Jesus, **deeply moved again**, came to the tomb.

Widow of nain, lost her only son, Jesus was moved with Compassion

- Can you believe that Jesus has compassion on your situation...
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His glory is revealed in raising from the dead - his purpose - that people would believe that he is the sent one

- 39 Jesus said, **"Take away the stone."** Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, **"Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days."** 40 Jesus said to her, **"Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"** 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but **I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.**" 43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, **"Lazarus, come out."** 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The stubbornness of man in the face of the glory of God...they won't believe even if someone comes back from the dead

- 45 **Many** of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, **believed in him**, 46 but **some of them** went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. 47 So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. 48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."
- VS 53 So from that day on they made plans to put him to death...Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where he was, he should let them know, so that they might arrest him.

Summary

- Are you confident of His love for you?
- Can you believe that everything He does is for the Glory of God (even if it does not fit your agenda or plan)
- Can you believe that he is moved by our grief and sorrow?
- Can you grasp that He wants us to believe - THAT has eternal consequence?