**New Life**

*John 11:1-3*

*11 Now a* ***certain man was sick****, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.*

*2 (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)*

* He has a problem.
* This story is for people who have problems.

*John 11:3* ***Therefore his sisters sent unto him****, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.*

* They know Jesus can make a difference

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* Jesus loves Lazarus
* Jesus loves people with problems.

*John 11:4*

*4 When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but* ***for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.***

* The reason for this “sickness” is so that I can be glorified.

*John 11:5*

*5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.*

*John 11:6*

*6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick,* ***he abode two days still in the same place where he was.***

* God’s timing is rarely our timing.
* For there to be a resurrection, there must first be a death.

*Phil 3:10*

*10 That I may know him, and the* ***power of his resurrection****, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made* ***conformable unto his death****;*

*John 11:7-10*

*7 Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again.*

*8 His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?*

*9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.*

*10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.*

* There is no fear when you walk in the light.

*Ps 119:105*

*105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

* If you don’t walk in the light, stumbling is the natural consequence.

*John 11:11-14*

*11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend* ***Lazarus sleepeth****; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.*

*12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.*

*13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.*

*14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly,* ***Lazarus is dead****.*

* “Sleep” is the New Testament word for “death” for believers.
* It is a “sleep” from which we will “awake”.

*John 11:15*

*15 And I am glad for* ***your sakes*** *that I was not there, to the* ***intent ye may believe****; nevertheless let us go unto him.*

* God’s working in the midst of our trials is about His glory and our faith.
* Notice, it is also about the faith of others.

*John 11:16*

*16 Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.*

* “Doubting Thomas” willing to die with Jesus/Lazarus.
* Our spiritual journey will include high points and low points.

*John 11:17*

*17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave* ***four days already.***

The timing of events…

Day 1 – Messenger comes to Jesus (Lazarus dies)

Day 2 – Messenger returns to Bethany

Day 3 – Jesus waits another day

Day 4 – Jesus arrives in Bethany

*John 11:21*

*21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord,* ***if thou hadst been here****, my brother had not died.*

* Martha has faith but it is limited.
* We often blame God when He doesn’t do what we want, when we want.

*John 11:22-27*

*22 But* ***I know****, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.*

*23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.*

*24 Martha saith unto him,* ***I know*** *that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.*

*25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:*

*26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*

*27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.*

* Martha has correct theology
* Martha doesn’t believe in the practical applicability of the Word of God in her life right then.

*John 11:33-37*

*33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her,* ***he groaned in the spirit****, and was* ***troubled****,*

*34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.*

*35* ***Jesus wept****.*

*36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!*

*37 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?*

* Jesus is weeping because they are weeping.

*Heb 4:15-16*

*15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*

*16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

* Jesus is weeping because of their unbelief.

*John 11:39*

*39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he* ***stinketh****:* ***for he hath been dead four days****.*

* Decomposition (decay) sets in on the 4th day.
* This is why Jesus had to rise on the 3rd day.

*John 11:40-43*

*40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if* ***thou wouldest believe****, thou shouldest* ***see the glory of God****?*

*41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.*

*42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it,* ***that they may believe*** *that thou hast sent me.*

*43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.*

* You will not experience God’s glory apart from faith

*John 11:44*

*44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with* ***graveclothes****: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them,* ***Loose him, and let him go.***

* When you’ve experienced new life you shouldn’t be walking around in the “clothes” of your old life.

*2 Cor 5:17*

*17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

* We are set free to walk in our new life.

*Rom 6:4*

*4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*