

Love, Death & the Glory of God

John 11:1-16 (Page 81 in the BPB)

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New Setting

John 10:40-42 (John 1:27-28)

¹Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

Luke 10:38-42

²It was the Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

John 12:1-3

God's Ways are Not Always Our Ways

³So the sisters sent *word* to Him, saying,

“Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.” ⁴But when Jesus heard *this*, He said,

“This sickness is not to end in death,

John 8:51; 11:25-26

but for the glory of God, (9:1-3)

so that the Son of God may be glorified by it.”

John 1:14; 2:11; 17:1-5

2 Corinthians 3:3-6

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

So when He heard that he was sick,

He then stayed two days *longer* in the place where He was.

⁷Then after this He said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.”

⁸The disciples said to Him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and are You going there again?”

John 10:31, 39

⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day?

If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

¹⁰“But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.”

John 9:4

John 12:35-36

¹¹This He said, and after that He said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, so that I may awaken him out of sleep.”

¹²The disciples then said to Him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.”

¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He was speaking of literal sleep.

¹⁴**So Jesus then said to them plainly, “Lazarus is dead,**

¹⁵and **I am glad for your sakes that I was not there,**

so that you may believe; but let us go to him.”

John 20:30-31

¹⁶Therefore Thomas, who is called Didymus [The Twin], said to *his* fellow disciples, “Let us also go, so that we may die with Him.”

Thomas, who is called Didymus (John 20:24-29; 21:2)

Application:

Jesus loved Lazarus and Martha and Mary, but does He love me?

How do I know if He loves me?

If by God's grace you have trusted in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior you have many promises of God's for you.

Romans 5:8

Matthew 6:25-34

John 10:11, 14-15, 17-18; 15:13

Galatians 2:20

Ephesians 2:1-7

1 John 3:1-2, 16; 4:9-10

God's glory and His love for His people are not at odds.
His plans and purpose are for His glory and for our good.

Romans 8:28, 32-39

GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY

Original words by William Cowper (1731-1800)

**God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.**

**Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never failing skill
He treasures up His bright designs
And works His sovereign will.**

**Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break
In blessings on your head.**

**Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.**

**His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.**

**Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.**