

MESSAGE NOTES

QUANTUM LEAP ~ Week 2 Mary, Martha & Lazarus

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. ~ Romans 8:28 (NASB)

... the Spirit intercedes on behalf of the saints according to God's will. And we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose... ~ Romans 8:27b-28

Now a certain man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village where Mary and her sister Martha lived. (Now it was Mary who anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and wiped His feet dry with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, look, the one You love is sick." ~ John 11:1-3

When Jesus heard this, He said, "This sickness will not lead to death, but to God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." (Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.) ~ John 11:4-5

So when He heard that Lazarus was sick, He remained in the place where He was for two more days. Then after this, He said to His disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ~ John 11:6-7

Jesus replied, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If anyone walks around in the daytime, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks around at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ~ John 11:9-10

After He said this, He added, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep. But I am going there to awaken him." Then the disciples replied, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." (Now Jesus had been talking about his death, but they thought He had been talking about real sleep.) ~ John 11:11-13

Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, and I am glad for your sake that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ~ John 11:14-15

When Jesus arrived, He found that Lazarus had been in the tomb four days already. ~ John 11:17



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(Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem so many of the Jewish people of the region had come to Martha and Mary to console them over the loss of their brother.) ~ John 11:18-19

So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will grant You." ~ John 11:20-22

As Jesus and His disciples were on their way, He came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to Him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what He said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to Him and asked, "Lord, don't You care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." ~ Luke 10:38-42

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ~ John 11:23-24

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" ~ John 11:25-26

"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." ~ John 11:27

After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met Him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet and said, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." ~ John 11:28-32 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" He asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" ~ John 11:33-36

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Our God is not a distant, detached, and dispassionate ruler of the universe. He is a loving Father who cares deeply about the pain and struggles of His children. He feels what we feel, and His heart breaks when we suffer.... Jesus wept at the grave of Lazarus, knowing that He Himself was the resurrection and the life. He wept not only for His friend Lazarus, but for all of us who struggle to believe that death and darkness are not the final words spoken over our lives.

Moreover if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the One who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit who lives in you. ~ Romans 8:11

But some of them said, "This is the Man who caused the blind man to see! Couldn't He have done something to keep Lazarus from dying?" ~ John 11:37

Jesus, intensely moved again, came to the tomb. (Now it was a cave, and a stone was placed across it.) Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, replied, "Lord, by this time the body will have a bad smell, because he has been buried four days." Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that if you believe, you would see the glory of God?" ~ John 11:38-40

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. ~ John 11:39 (KJV)

So they took away the stone. Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank You that You have listened to Me. I knew that You always listen to Me, but I said this for the sake of the crowd standing around here, that they may believe that you sent Me." ~ John 11:41-42

When He had said this, He shouted in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The one who had died came out, his feet and hands tied up with strips of cloth, and a cloth wrapped around his face. Jesus said to them, "Unwrap him and let him go." ~ John 11:43-44

Then many of the people, who had come with Mary and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him. ~ John 11:45