

Chapter 11

Bethany- near Jerusalem, on slope of the Mt of Olives. Jesus is very familiar with the family. Lazarus is sick. Sisters apparently know where Jesus is. The one that **Jesus loves** is ill. They know this.

V4: illness is for God's Glory. The issue is not that Lazarus is sick and will die, but that God will be glorified through this. That He, Jesus, the Son of Man will be glorified. Lord of life. Same as the blind man.

V 5-7: He doesn't leave immediately. Stays 2 more days. Had to be at an appointed time.

V 9-11: He goes where He is hated to do a great miracle. To receive glory. He walks in Light. Going to wake up Lazarus.

V12-16: they discuss the situation with Lazarus. Jesus finally says he is dead. That is good for all of you. Lazarus is His **friend**. This is not changed by death. He calls Lazarus' death a "sleep." Death commonly called sleep in the OT. Greeks call cemeteries dormitories. Goes **there** to raise him. Symbolic of our resurrection. Called by name. Thomas doesn't get it.

V 17-19: Lazarus in the tomb for **4 days**. Very important. Jewish custom to be with mourners.

V 20-22: Martha believes Jesus could have healed her brother. Even now He could do something. Knows He is in communication with God.

V 23-27: Lazarus will rise on the last day. Whole concept of resurrection and The Resurrection not yet clear. But she thinks what about the situation now. Jesus tells her to have faith in Him NOW. He is the Sovereign Power of Resurrection, the Fountain of life. He is Sovereign over the resurrection on the last day. If you believe, you will live. You will never die. Promise for body and soul. Asks if she believes this; gives full faith in it. Take His Word for it. Martha gives a profession of faith.

Jesus overcome with emotion. True humanity.

Take away the stone. Everyone will see that Lazarus is dead. There will be a stench-4 days.

V 41-42: He told Martha she would see the Glory of God. Now publicly prays to the Father. They all hear it.

V 43: Loud command. Could have done it silently. Knows him by name. Calls each of us. Victory over the grave.

A prophesy from Caiaphas. One will die for many.

