

LIVING WITH JESUS

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John 11

Now a certain man was sick: Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 And it was the Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. 3 So the sisters sent word to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." 4 But when Jesus heard this, He said, "This sickness is not meant for death, but is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it." 5 (Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister, and Lazarus.) 6 So when He heard that he was sick, He then stayed two days longer in the place where He was.

John 11:1-6

1. Sometimes the word of God is in conflict with what your experience and circumstances tell you.

The Word of the Lord kept testing him until what He had said came to pass.

Psalm 105:19

7 Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let's go to Judea again." 8 The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and yet You are going there again?" 9 Jesus replied, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. 10 "But if anyone walks during the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." 11 This He said, and after this He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going so that I may awaken him from sleep." 12 The disciples then said to Him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will come out of it." 13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about actual sleep. 14 So Jesus then said to them plainly, "Lazarus died, 15 and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe; but let's go to him." 16 Therefore Thomas, who was called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let's also go, so that we may die with Him!"

John 11:7-16

2. Sometimes Jesus' words and ways are confusing to our earth bound minds.

Let him who walks in darkness and has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on His God.

Isaiah 50:10

17 So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about fifteen stadia away; 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them about their brother. 20 So then Martha, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary stayed in the house. 21 Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 "Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise from the dead." 24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; the one who believes in Me will live, even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have come to believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, and He who comes into the world."

John 11:17-27

I didn't lie to you when I said this illness would not end in death.

3. Jesus is the resurrection. No one who believes in him will die. He came to destroy death and the fear of death.

"Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying."

Hebrews 2:14-15 NLT

28 When she had said this, she left and called Mary her sister, saying secretly, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." 29 And when she heard this, she got up quickly and came to Him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still at the place where Martha met Him. 31 Then the Jews who were with her in the house and were consoling her, when they saw that Mary had gotten up quickly and left, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 So when Mary came to the place where Jesus was, she saw Him and fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 Therefore when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled, 34 and He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus wept. 36 So the Jews were saying, "See how He loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could this man, who opened the eyes of the man who was blind, not have also kept this man from dying?"

John 11:28-37

"When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled.

John 11:33 NLT

4. Jesus hates death as much as we do. He hates what it does to those He loves

38 So Jesus, again being deeply moved within (still angry), came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" 41 So they removed the stone. And Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42 "But I knew that You always hear Me; nevertheless, because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me." 43 And when He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 Out came the man who had died, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

John 11:38-44

“Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”

He said, "This sickness is not meant for death, but is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it."

John 11:4

- 5. We can have faith that moves mountains without having all the answers.**
- 6. Almost everything Jesus says and does is so that the world may believe and be saved.**
- 7. Almost everything He says and does in the life of a believer is so that we may be set free.**