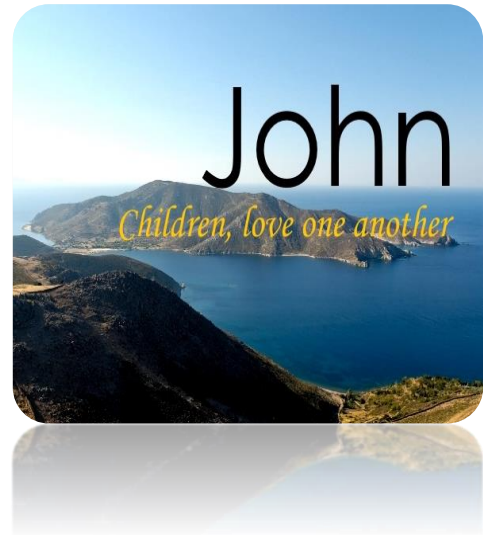


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John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, one of the original followers of the Lord; **an eye-witness to Jesus Christ** in the previous chapter, John wrote of Jesus in the temple at during winter, when religious leaders took up stones to kill Him; and Jesus evaded them passing among them. Now John writes in his Good News about this last miracle that Jesus worked. And as Dr. Edersheim of Oxford University said, it is not how we would tell a miraculous fable, so unembellished and matter-of-fact.



**<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.**

**<sup>2</sup> (It was the Mary who poured fragrant ointment on the Lord, and wiped His feet with her hair, her brother Lazarus was sick.)**

**<sup>3</sup> So, his sisters sent to Him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.**

**<sup>4</sup> When Jesus heard it, He said, This sickness will not end in death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God be glorified by it.**

**<sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus.**

**<sup>6</sup> So when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was.**

**<sup>7</sup> Then after that, He said to his disciples, Let's go to **Judea** again.**

**<sup>8</sup> His disciples said to Him, Master, the Jewish leaders just wanted to stone You; and are You going there again?**

**<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, Aren't there twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks during the day, he doesn't stumble, because he sees the light of this world.**

**<sup>10</sup> But if anyone walks during the night, he stumbles, because he lacks light.**

**<sup>11</sup> He said this: and then He told them: Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I'm going, to wake him from his sleep.**

**<sup>12</sup> Then the disciples said, Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.**

**<sup>13</sup> However, Jesus spoke of his death: but they thought He spoke of resting / of snoozing.**

**<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus said to them plainly, **Lazarus is dead.****

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<sup>15</sup> And I am glad for you I wasn't there, so you may believe / so you can exercise your faith;

so let us go to him.

<sup>16</sup> Then Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples / those putting the pieces together,

Let's also go, that we may die with Him / his fatalistic lack of faith in the presence of the Lord is rather astounding isn't it?

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, He found that Lazarus had already been in the grave four days.

<sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off / about 2 miles:

<sup>19</sup> And many of the Jewish leaders had come to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

<sup>20</sup> Then Martha, when she heard Jesus was coming, went to meet Him: but Mary still sat in the house.

<sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

<sup>22</sup> Yet even now I know, whatever You ask from God, God will give You.

And the Teacher prepares this listening student for the metanoia moment of her life... they weren't just chatting and sharing platitudes while catching up on the latest boring local news.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, Your brother will rise again / the Teacher was looking for an understanding response; and Jesus waited until His words rang in her ears, and she replied; He was not in a hurry.

<sup>24</sup> Martha said to Him, I know he will rise again in the resurrection... at the last day.

He is listening to her; and taking in her words; isaiah said no eye has seen, no ear has heard; nor has it enter their mind all that the Lord has planned for those who wait on Him...

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, **I Am the Resurrection**, and was there another pause? We don't know.

He adds: **I Am... the Life**: the one who believes in Me, though he dies, yet he will live:



<sup>26</sup> **and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die** / in the Hebrew culture they knew to believe is: to turn to in confidence; to run to for safety; to lean on for support.

## **Do you believe this?**

<sup>27</sup> **She said to him, Yes, Lord: I believe You are the Christ / the Messiah, the Son of God who comes into the world.** / clearly, **Daniel had told the people: exactly when Messiah would come,** - **Daniel 9**; but was anybody... other than Martha listening? It sounds like she was doing the math.

So it was time for a break, it was time for Martha to consider what she just said; and what He just said – staring at her: with the kindest smile, with the strength of the Rock of Gibraltar; and did the Teacher ask: where is your sister? Jesus said, go get her – the others would follow. He knew what would happen;

<sup>28</sup> **And having said this, she went and called Mary her sister in private, saying, The Teacher is here, and is calling for you** / if Jesus sounded like most teachers today, He would have been forgotten long ago.

<sup>29</sup> **As soon as she heard, she got up quickly, and went to Him.**

<sup>30</sup> **Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him.**

<sup>31</sup> **The Jewish leaders who were with her in the house, consoling her, when they saw that Mary got up quickly and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to weep there** / what irony, some of these Jewish leaders had taken up stones to kill Jesus.

<sup>32</sup> **So when Mary came to where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell at His feet, saying, Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not be dead** / which is exactly what her sister said.

<sup>33</sup> **When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jewish leaders weeping who came with her, He was deeply moved in the spirit, and was agitated** / Jesus was greatly moved, and visibly unsettled.

<sup>34</sup> **and said, Where have you put him?**

**They said to Him, Lord, come and see.**

And as He took in the entire tragic scene, even...

<sup>35</sup> **Jesus wept.**

<sup>36</sup> **Then the Jewish leaders said, See how He loved him!**

And as they watched Jesus then minds and hearts started racing; both good people, and bad people alike:

<sup>37</sup> **And some said, Couldn't He who opened the blind man's eyes, have kept him from dying?**

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And Jesus who knew what was in their hearts... as He waited on the next direction from His Father.

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly agitated within, came to the tomb.

It was a cave, and a stone was resting against its entrance / the Lord of glory, the One who comes to give life, was absolutely silent; as He assayed every detail of this tragic scene.

<sup>39</sup> Then Jesus said, **Remove the stone.**

Martha, the sister of the deceased, in disbelief blurted out at Him,

**Lord, by this time the stench** / if anyone knew the details of cleanliness; what was fresh and clean and what might stink; definitely, it was Martha:

for it has been four days.

<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, **Didn't I tell you, believe, and see the glory of God?** And I bet Jesus waited until Martha recaptured the lesson, and light turned on: Yes, Lord: I believe You are **the Christ / the Messiah**.

<sup>41</sup> So they removed the stone, where the dead corpse was laid.

And Jesus lifted up His eyes, and said,

**Father, I thank You that You heard Me.**

<sup>42</sup> I knew You always hear Me:

but for the crowd standing around I said it, that they believe that You sent Me / that they exercise their faith in action; that they respond in faith; everything Jesus did was for the purpose of returning the people to trust the Father... without faith, it is impossible to please God – **Hebrews 11**.

<sup>43</sup> And when He said these things,

He shouted with a loud voice,

**Lazarus, come here!**



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**44 And the man who was dead came out / you could hear a pin drop on the sandy path; Lazarus got up...bound hand and foot with grave clothes: and his face was bound about with a cloth.**

**Jesus said to them / who were all standing there still in total shock, **Loose him, and let him go.****

The Plot to Kill Jesus,

**45 Then many of the Jewish leaders who came to Mary, and saw what Jesus did, believed on Him / I bet they did; Jesus was making a lot of friends fast; and He was also making a lot of enemies;**

**46 but some went their way to the Pharisees, and told them what Jesus had done / they raced to where the pompous lovers of manmade hocus pocus rituals were, who needed to be informed.**

**47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, What are we going to do? for this man does many miracles / an emergency meeting was held with the Sanhedrin that day, as some hurried over the Mount of Olives, to plan for damage control; and don't you sense their envy?**

**48 If we let Him continue, all will believe on Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation / how did they conclude that? Jesus said give to Caesar what is Caesar's.**

**49 But one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that same year, said to them, you know nothing at all,**

**50 nor do you consider that it is profitable for you that one man should die for the people, and not all the nation perish.**

**51 And this he spoke **not** of his own initiative: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation;**

**52 and not for the nation only, but that also the children of God who were scattered abroad, He would gather together in one.**

**53 So from that day, they deliberated that they would kill Him.**

**54 So Jesus no longer walked publicly among the Jews; but went away from there into the region near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim, and there He stayed with His disciples.**





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<sup>55</sup> The Passover of the Jews was near / **something Moses told us all about:** and many went up to Jerusalem before the Passover, so that they ceremonially cleanse themselves / something Jesus the Messiah did not need to do.

<sup>56</sup> So they searched for Jesus, and were saying among each other, as they stood in the temple, What do you think?

Will He come to the feast or not?

<sup>57</sup> Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given an order, that if anyone knew where He is, he should disclose it, that they might seize Him.

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