

LAZARUS

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Waiting

Why doesn't God do something

about ... it?

Waiting...

so that

- John 11:1

Now a man named Lazarus was <u>sick</u>. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

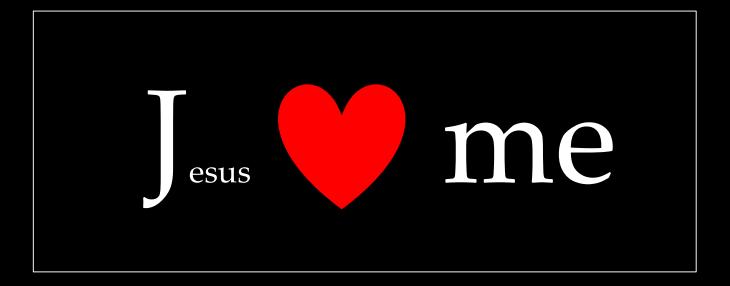
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This Mary, whose brother Lazarus <u>now</u> <u>lay sick</u>, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.



So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, <u>the one you love</u> is sick,"





Now Jesus **loved** Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was <u>sick</u>, he stayed where he was <u>two more</u> days.

- John 11:5-6

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was <u>sick</u>, he stayed where he was <u>two more</u> days. Then he said to his disciples; "Let us go back to Judea.."

- John 11:5-7

"But Rabbi," they said "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?."



Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight?. Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light." - John 11:9-10

I am the Light - Opportunity

After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going to wake him up." His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better."

- John 11:11-12

Jesus had been speaking of his <u>death</u>, but his disciples thought he meant <u>natural</u> <u>sleep</u>. So then he told them plainly,

"Lazarus is dead...

- John 11:13-14

.. and for <u>your</u> sake I am <u>glad</u> I was not there, <u>so that</u> you may <u>believe</u>.



With God, a waiting season

is never a wasted season...

for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But <u>let us go</u> to him."

- John 11:15

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb, <u>four days.</u> Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. - John 11:17-19

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

- John 11:20-21

You <u>could</u> have, you <u>should</u> have,

you <u>didn't</u>.

Next Words

But <u>I know</u> that even now God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again," Martha answered, "<u>I know</u> he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." V

- John 11:23-24

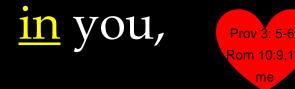
Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by <u>believing in me</u> will never die. Do you believe this?

- John 11:25-26

"Yes Lord," she replied, "<u>I believe</u> that you are the Messiah, the Son of God who is to come into the world.... ♥



Sometimes God wants to do something



before he does something <u>for</u> you.

If we confess with our mouth.that Jesus Christ is Lord.... Rom 10:9

And after she had said this, she went back and called her sister aside...

- John 11:28-34

Jesus wept...

- John 11:35-40

Then Jesus looked up and said:

- John 11:41

"Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

- John 11:41-42

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

- John 11:43-44

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

- John 11:44-45

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about ... it?

He Can

He can. Sometimes He waits.

I can still trust Him ...

Waiting – "so that" (Bee)

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, even as I was also fully known.

1 Corinthians 13:12