

A. Bethany (Village of Mary Martha & Lazarus)

John 11:1

Now a certain man was ill, **Lazarus** of **Bethany**, the **village** of **Mary** and her sister **Martha**.

John 11:2

Now it was **Mary** who **anointed** the Lord with **ointment** and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother **Lazarus** was ill.

John 11:3

So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you **love** is ill."

John 11:4

But when **Jesus** heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to **death**.

It is for the **glory** of God, so that the Son of God may be **glorified** through it."

John 11:5

Now **Jesus** **loved** **Martha** and her sister and **Lazarus**.

John 11:6

So, when he heard that **Lazarus** was ill, he stayed **two days** longer in the place where he was.

Concl (& Intro to Theme): Love Asserted vs Apparent Neglect
-Love Asserted

-Apparent Neglect (Could have kept him from dying)

B. Wilderness to Judea w/ Disciples

Decision to go to Judea

John 11:7

Then after this he said to the **disciples**, "**Let us go** to Judea again."

John 11:8

The **disciples** said to him, "Rabbi, the **Jews** were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?"

John 11:9

Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day?"

If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

John 11:10

But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

Theological Spin: Day vs Night
(Jesus vs The Unenlightened)

C. 1. What Happened to Lazarus and Why

a. Sleeping Lazarus to be Awakened

John 11:11

After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend **Lazarus** has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him."

John 11:12

So the **disciples** said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover."

John 11:13

Now **Jesus** had spoken of his **death**, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep.

John 11:14

So then **Jesus** told them plainly, "**Lazarus** has **died**,

John 11:15

and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may **believe**.

But let us go to him."

b. Purpose: Believe

Decision to go to Judea

2. Plans for Jesus' Death

John 11:16

So **Thomas**, called the Twin, said to his fellow **disciples**, "Let us also go, that we may **die** with him."

D. Lazarus in the Tomb - Dead Four days

John 11:17

So when **Jesus** came, he found that **Lazarus** had already been in the tomb **four days**.

John 11:18

Now **Bethany** was near Jerusalem, about two miles off,

John 11:19

but many of the **Jews** had come to **Martha** and **Mary** to **console** them concerning their brother.

John 11:20

So when **Martha** **heard** that **Jesus** was coming, she went and met him, but **Mary** remained seated in the house.

John 11:21

So **Martha** said to **Jesus**, "**Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.**"

John 11:22

But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you."

John 11:23

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will **rise again**."

John 11:24

Martha said to him, "I know that he will **rise again** in the **resurrection** on the last day."

John 11:25

Jesus said to her, "I am the **resurrection** and the **life**.

Whoever **believes** in me, though he **die**,

yet shall he **live**,

John 11:26

and everyone who **lives** and **believes** in me

shall never **die**.

Do you **believe** this?"

John 11:27

She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I **believe** that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

John 11:28

When she had said this, she went and called her sister **Mary**, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."

John 11:29

Now when she **heard** it, she rose quickly and went to him.

John 11:30

Now **Jesus** had not yet come into the **village**, but was still in the place where **Martha** had met him.

John 11:31

So when the **Jews** who were with her in the house, **consoling** her, saw **Mary** rise quickly and go out,

they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

John 11:32

So when **Mary** came to where **Jesus** was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him,

"**Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.**"

John 11:33

So when **Jesus** saw her weeping, and the **Jews** who had come with her also weeping,

he was **deeply moved** in his spirit and greatly troubled.

John 11:34

And he said, "Where have you laid him?"

They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

John 11:35

Jesus wept.

John 11:36

So the **Jews** said, "See how he **loved** him!"

John 11:37

But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from **dying**?"

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**D' Lazarus in the Tomb - Dead Four days
2' Deeply Moved**

John 11:38

So Jesus, **deeply moved** again, came to the tomb.
Now it was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

John 11:39

Jesus said, "Take away the stone." **Martha**, the sister of the **dead** man, said to him,
"Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been **dead four days**."

John 11:40

Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you **believed** you would see the **glory** of God?"

1' Belief > Resurrection Glory

C' 1. What Happened to Lazarus and Why

John 11:41

So they took away the stone.

Now Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.

John 11:42

Now I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around,
that they may **believe** that you sent me."

b' Purpose: Believe

John 11:43

When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "**Lazarus**, come out."

a' Dead Lazarus Risen

John 11:44

The man who had **died** came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth.

Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

John 11:45

So many of the **Jews** who had come with **Mary** and had seen what he did, **believed** in him.

2. Plans for Jesus' Death

John 11:46

Now some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

John 11:47

So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs.

John 11:48

If we let him go on like this, everyone will **believe** in him,
and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

**Theological Spin: Sacrificial Death for Nation
(The Enlightened-Unenlightened vs Jesus)**

Plans for his Death vs Nation Expressed a.

John 11:49

But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them,
"You know nothing at all.

John 11:50

b. Nor do you consider that

b' it is better for you that one man should **die** for the people,

a' not that the whole nation should perish."

Plans for his Death vs Nation Explained

John 11:51

Now he did not say this of his own accord,
but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would **die** for the nation,

John 11:52

and not for the nation only,

but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.

John 11:53

So from that day on they made plans to put him to **death**.

Summary: Plans for Jesus' Death

B' Judea to Wilderness w/ Disciples

John 11:54

So Jesus no longer walked openly among the **Jews**,
but went from there to the region near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and there he stayed with the **disciples**.

A' Bethany (Village of Mary Martha & Lazarus)

Pascha Prep in the Jerusalem House of God

John 11:55

Now the **Passover** of the **Jews** was at hand,
and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the **Passover** to purify themselves.

John 11:56

So they were looking for Jesus and saying to one another as they stood in the temple,
"What do you think? That he will not come to the feast at all?"

John 11:57

Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where he was,
he should let them know, so that they might arrest him.

(Contrast)

Pascha Prep in the Bethany House of Lazarus

John 12:1

So **Six days** before the **Passover**, Jesus came to **Bethany**, where **Lazarus** was, whom Jesus had raised from the **dead**.

John 12:2

So they gave a dinner for him there. **Martha** served, but **Lazarus** was one of those reclining with him at table.

John 12:3

So **Mary** took a pound of expensive **ointment** made from pure nard, and **anointed** the feet of Jesus
and wiped his feet with her hair.

1. Anointing with Ointment

Now the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

**2. b' Result Related to Glory (Allusion to Temple)
& Purpose Related to Death (vs 7)**

John 12:4

But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said,

John 12:5

"Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"

John 12:6

He said this, not because he cared about the poor,
but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it.

John 12:7

So Jesus said, "Leave her alone, in order that she may keep it for the day of my burial.

John 12:8

For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

John 12:9

So when the large crowd of the **Jews** learned that Jesus was there, they came,
not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

John 12:10

So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well,

John 12:11

because on account of him many of the **Jews** were going away and believing in Jesus.

a' Threat to Lazarus' Life