

GOOD AND EVIL Spectator– Part 6 of 7

“24 ‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.’ 25 Jesus answered, ‘I did tell you, but you do not believe me. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me...’” John 10:24-25a

“1 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Behtany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, ‘Lord, the one you love is sick.’ 4 When he heard this, Jesus said, ‘This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.’ 5 Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days. 7 Then he said to his disciples, ‘Let us go back to Judea.’ 8 ‘But Rabbi,’ they said, ‘a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?’ 9 Jesus answered, ‘Are there not twelve hours of daylight? A man who walks by day will not stumble, for he sees by this world’s light. 10 It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has no light.’” John 11:1, 2-10

KEY OBSERVATION #1: DISCONNECTED from the God who loves you, you will never understand life and you will eventually find yourself in **DESPAIR**.

“11 After he had said this, he went on to tell them, ‘Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to wake him up.’ 12 His disciples replied, ‘Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.’ 13 Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. 14 So then he told them plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead, 15 and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.’ 16 Then Thomas said to the rest of the disciples, ‘Let us also go, that we may die with him.’” John 11:11-16

“17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him...21 ‘Lord,’ Martha said to Jesus, ‘If you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.’ 23 Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ 24 Martha answered, ‘I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.’ 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, 26 and whoever live and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ 27 ‘Yes, Lord,’ she told him, ‘I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.’” John 11:17, 20-27

“33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 34 ‘Where have you laid him?’ he asked. ‘Come and see, Lord,’ they replied.” John 11:33-34

“Cast all your cares upon Him, because you can know with confidence, He cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7

“35 Jesus wept. 36 Then the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ 37 But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’” John 11:35-37

“38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb...39 ‘Take away the stone,’ he said. ‘But Lord,’ said Marthas, the sister of the dead man, ‘by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.’ 40 The Jesus said, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’ 41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, ‘Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they believe that you sent me.’” John 11:38-42

MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION: WHO is Jesus?

“43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus come out!’ 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Take off the grave clothes and let him go.’ 45 Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.” John 11:43-45

KEY OBSERVATION #2: Seeing led to **BELIEVING**, which led to **TRUSTING**.

“If we let him go on like this...” John 11:48a

“No one takes my life from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.” John 10:18

If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” John 11:48

“...Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness because their deeds were evil.” John 3:19

“For God so loved the world that he sent His Son, so that by placing your faith in Him, we would not be lost to God but could have the very life Jesus came to give.” John 3:16

“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.” John 20:31