

In Absolute Control

John 11: 1-16

In Control And Fully God

Death, Love, And Glory

John 11:1,2

Now a certain man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village where Mary and her sister Martha lived. (Now it was Mary who anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and wiped his feet dry with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

Verse 3

“So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, look, the one you love is sick.”

Verse 4

When Jesus heard this, he said, “This sickness will not lead to death, but to God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

The Center Of Jesus’ Love

Verse 5

(Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.)

Verse 2

“It was Mary who anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and wiped his feet dry with her hair”

Verse 3

“Lord, look, the one you love is sick.”

Verse 5

“Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.”

Verse 5,6

“(Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.) So (therefore) when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he remained in the place where he was for two more days.”

Verse 14

“Then Jesus told them plainly, ‘Lazarus has died’”

The Death And Life Of Lazarus

Verses 23–26

Jesus replied, “Your brother will come back to life again.” Martha said, “I know that he will come back to life again in the resurrection at the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the

resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live even if he dies, and the one who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She replied, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God who comes into the world."

How Can Love Allow Death?

Verse 5,6

(Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.) So [because of this love] when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he remained in the place where he was for two more days.

"Love is doing whatever you have to do to help people see, understand, know, and really value the glory of God as their highest allegiance."

Verses 14,15

Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, and I am glad for your sake that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

John 1:14

"We saw his glory – the glory of the one and only, full of grace and truth, who came from the Father."

God's Glory And Our Satisfaction

1 Peter 3:18

"Because Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, to bring you to God"

John 17:24

"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they can see my glory."

What is love? Love is the avid and hopeful desire that strives and suffers to captivate others with what is immeasurable and eternally satisfying: the glory of God.