



# memorial day weekend

## Back to Life: TRUSTING GOD WHEN HOPE IS LOST

### JOHN 11

#### JOHN 11:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha...<sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."<sup>4</sup>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."<sup>5</sup>Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup>So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, **he stayed where he was two more days,** <sup>7</sup>and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

#### JOHN 11:11-17

<sup>11</sup>.... He went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."<sup>12</sup>His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better."<sup>13</sup>Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. <sup>14</sup>So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, <sup>15</sup>and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him...." <sup>17</sup>On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days....

#### JOHN 11:32-37

<sup>32</sup>When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."<sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews...also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup>"Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. <sup>35</sup>Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup>Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

#### JOHN 11:38-44

<sup>38</sup>Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup>"Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha..., "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."<sup>40</sup>Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>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."<sup>43</sup>When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>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."

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

-A.W. TOZER

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# Understanding God In Difficult Times

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*"So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, **he stayed where he was two more days...**" (v. 6)*

*"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." (v. 42)*

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*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."*  
ISAIAH 55:8-9

*Mary - "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."*  
JOHN 11:32

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." ROMANS 8:28*

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*"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.'" (v. 4)*

*"Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?'" (v. 40)*

**GLORY** – Greek word δόξα (dox'•ah)  
Hebrew קָבוֹד (Ka•vode') "glory" "divine honor"  
"divine **presence**"

*"To enjoy the presence of God was to experience his glory."*  
-G.M. BURGE

**ALLOW GOD**

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God specializes in raising things **back to life**