

John 11:1-39, ESV

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you **love** is ill." ⁴But 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."

⁵Now Jesus **loved** Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus 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. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, "Our **friend** Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him.

³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When 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. ³²Now 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." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he **loved** him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus 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."

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John 11:1-16

The Lazarus Testimony!



1. O how He loves us!

love (11:5)

friend (11:3, 11, 36) Also see Luke 7:34; 15:20; John 3:29; 5:20; 15:13-15; 16:27; Acts 20:37; 1 Cor. 16:20; 1 Thess. 4:9; Tit. 1:8; 2:4; 1 Pet. 3:8; James 2:23; 3 John 15

2. He reveals His Glory to His friends!

John 11:4, 11, 13, 14, 23, 25-26

Also see John 5:20; 15:15

3. We see the unnaturalness of death!

John 11:4,14,19,21,31,32,33,35,37,38,39

--- Revelation Demands Response ---

Do you believe this?

John 11:15, 26; 20:20-21

Application questions on the back →

--- *The Lazarus Testimony!* ---
February 25, 2024 – John 11:1-44

SUNDAY after church...

Think through your morning and: 1) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you were able to give!
2) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you received! 3) List songs or lyrics that touched your heart.

MONDAY

READ: See the John 11:1-42. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Read over your notes on the front, on “friendship”. Write out traits of an absolutely ideal friend. Try to apply these to the verses listed on Christ calling us friends. How does this change your walk with Christ? **PRAY:** Pray over your applications.

TUESDAY

READ: John 11:1-42. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Thinking about close and ideal friends, think of how they share almost everything with each other. Jesus uses this as a mark of His friendship, that He reveals Himself to His friends (John 15:15). Write out how this changes your view of Jesus calling you His friend. **PRAY:** Pray over your applications.

WEDNESDAY

READ: See John 11:1-42. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** From reading through this narrative, you easily see the unnaturalness of death. But we have all experienced this in our own lives – losing loved ones to death. After studying this, what helpful things is Jesus giving you to help deal with the loss of loved ones. Be practical. **PRAY:** Pray over these lessons!

THURSDAY

READ: John 11:1-42. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Jesus twice (v.15 and 26) talks about “believing” as the goal of this narrative. List what you’ve learned and try to answer how your life reflects that you believe it. **PRAY:** Pray over your applications!

FRIDAY

READ: See 11:1-42. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Write out the one thing that struck you from our study so far of Lazarus. **PRAY:** Pray over your application!

SATURDAY

Prepare your heart for Sunday’s gathering by being ready to fully engage in the worship.
Pray – ask the Lord to show you people to encourage!