

FOR HIS GLORY

The Lazarus story isn't just about what happened to Lazarus, Mary and Martha—it's about what happens to us and in us when God allows circumstances in our lives specifically for His glory." The End is Where The Future Begins...FOR HIS GLORY!

THREE PLACES WE ARE MOST LIKELY TO FIND GOD:

1. THE END OF OUR ABILITY

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. ⁸ Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. ⁹ And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (**2CORINTHIANS 12:7-9, NKJV**).

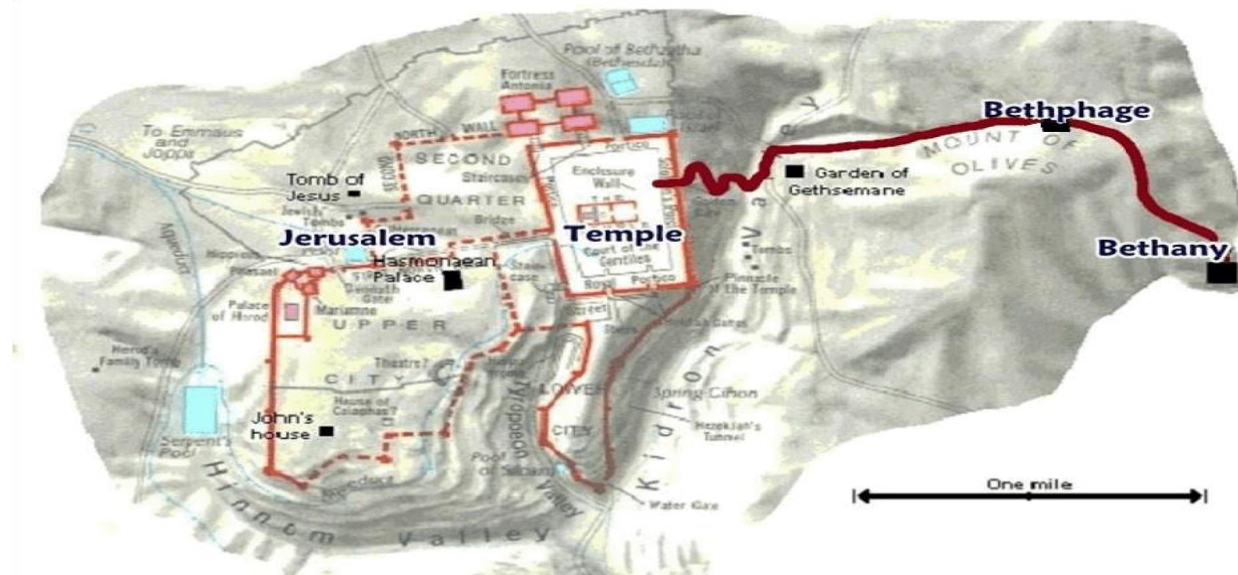
2. THE END OF OUR UNDERSTANDING

When I thought how to understand this, It was too painful for me—¹⁷ Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I understood their End (**PSALM 73:16-17, NKJV**).

3. THE END OF OUR DISAPPOINTMENT

So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning (JOB 42:12, KJV).

I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY RESPONSE...GOD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OUTCOME



THE TEXT

So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. ¹⁹ And many of the Jews had joined the Women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. ²⁰ Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. ²¹ Now Martha said to Jesus, "**Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.**" ²² But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." ²³ Jesus said to her, "**Your brother will rise again.**"

- **DIVINE DELAY IS A "GOD THING"**

²⁴ Martha said to Him, "**I know that 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, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?**" ²⁷ She said to Him, "**Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the World.**"

²⁸ And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you." ²⁹ As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him. ³¹ Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there."

³² Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "**Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.**"³³ Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. ³⁴ And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, "**See how He loved him!**" ³⁷ **And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?"**

³⁸ Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "**Take away the stone.**" Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "**Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.**"

- **EVERY DISAPPOINTMENT SETS THE STAGE FOR A DIVINE APPOINTMENT**

⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "**Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?**" ⁴¹ Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴² And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the People who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." ⁴³ Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "**Lazarus, come forth!**" ⁴⁴ **And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth.** Jesus said to them, "**Loose him, and let him go**" (**JOHN 11:7-44, NKJV**).

- **THE MIRACLE IS COMPLETE WHEN I OBEY HIS LAST COMMAND**