

“Jesus Went – Part 4”

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John 11:1-8

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.”

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.” Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.”

“But Rabbi,” they said, “a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?”

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On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha answered, “I know he will rise 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 though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

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“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.” When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.

Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

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.”

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When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. “Where have you laid him?” he asked.

“Come and see, Lord,” they replied.

Jesus wept.

Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. “Take away the stone,” he said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

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So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 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.”

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 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.”

Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin.

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“What are we accomplishing?” they asked. “Here is this man performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation.”

Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, “You know nothing at all! You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.”

He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one.

So from that day on they plotted to take his life.

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The village of Bethany lies on the eastern slopes of the Mount of Olives, just outside the Old City of Jerusalem within the Judea region of ancient Israel. The distance from Bethany to Jerusalem is just under two miles and is a "Sabbath day's journey" (Acts 1:12) from Jerusalem on the road to Jericho.



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Bethany –

- Home of Simon the leper (Mark 14:3–10)
- Mary anointed Jesus' feet with perfume (Matthew 26:6–13)
- Palm Sunday prep (Mark 11:1 & Luke 19:29)
- Cursing of the fig tree in Mark 11:11–13
- Place Jesus stayed nightly during His final week of earthly ministry, (Matthew 21:17)
- Christ ascended back into heaven (Luke 24:50).



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Bethany –

It was a place of welcome... of friendship... of respite.

He was regularly welcomed there:

John 12:1-2

“Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor...”



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Climax of His "signs!"

- Changing Water Into Wine (2:1-11)
- Healing the royal official's son (4:46-54)
- Healing the paralytic at the pool (5:1-18)
- Feeding over 5,000 with fish and loaves (6:1-14)
- Walking on the water (6:15-25)
- Healing a man born blind (9:1-41)
- Raising Lazarus from the dead (11:1-46)

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"a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?"

Intentional!

Despite the danger, Jesus makes the conscious choice to go...

Because of love!

↳ He too!

... that God may be glorified!

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Because of love!**John 11:53**

"So from that day on they plotted to take his life."

This decision triggers the sequence of events that will ultimately take Jesus to the cross!

Deeply sacrificial!

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John 15:13 -

"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

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Luke 19:10 -

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

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Matthew 20:28

"... for the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Luke 9:51 -

"As the time approached for Him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set His face toward Jerusalem..."

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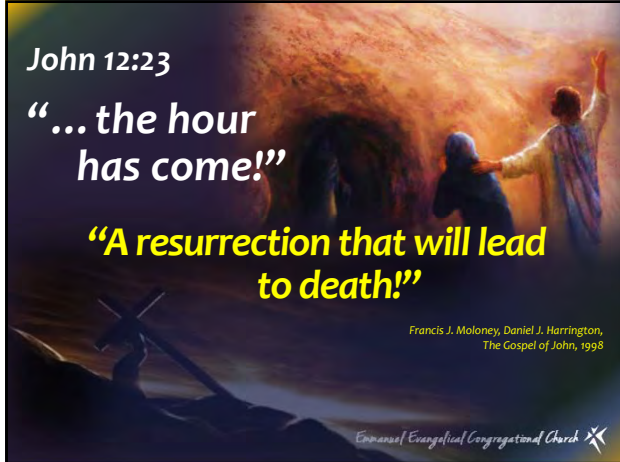
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John 12:23

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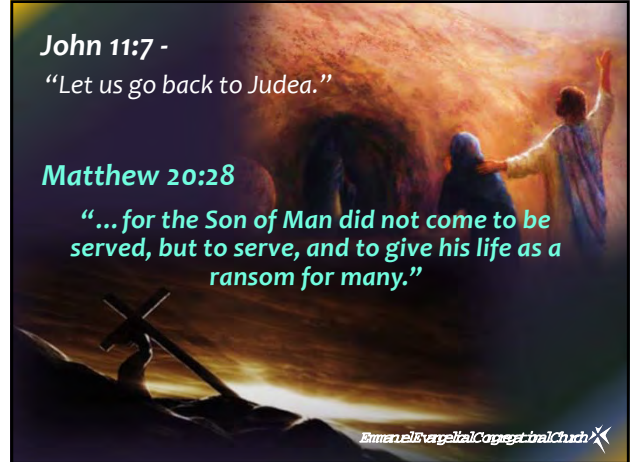
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John 12:23
“... the hour
has come!”
“A resurrection that will lead
to death!”

Francis J. Moloney, Daniel J. Harrington,
The Gospel of John, 1998

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John 11:7 -
“Let us go back to Judea.”

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