

THE REST OF THE STORY

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DEATH IS IN THE AIR—JOHN 11

LAZARUS IS DYING—vv.1-7

THE JEWS WANT JESUS DEAD—vv.8-10

⁸ “But Rabbi,” they said, “a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?”

THOMAS IS READY TO DIE—vv. 11-16

¹⁶ Then Thomas said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

THE FRIENDS & FAMILY OF LAZARUS GRIEVE HIS DEATH

- **FRIENDS**—vv.17-19
- **MARTHA**—vv. 20-27
- **MARY**—vv. 28-32
- **JESUS:**

³³ When Jesus saw [Mary] weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. ³⁵ Jesus wept.

JESUS’ FRIENDS CONFESS THEIR FAITH

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” John 11:21

Mary...fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” John 11:32

[Some of the Jews said...] “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” John 11:37

THEIR FAITH HAS LIMITS

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LAZARUS IS STINKING DEAD—vv. 38-39

JESUS RAISES THE DEAD—vv. 40-43

WHY DID JESUS WAIT?

TO REVEAL GOD’S GLORY

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.” John 11:4-7

“Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” John 11:40

FOR THE FAITH OF HIS FOLLOWERS

“Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe.” John 11:14-15

“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.” John 11:41-42

BECAUSE LIFE COMES FROM KNOWING GOD THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS

“No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known.” John 1:18

“This is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” John 17:3

THE LIFE OF CHRIST DEFEATS THE GRAVE AND BREAKS DEATH’S STRANGLEHOLD ON LIVING

“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.” John 11:25-26