



PRE-DIG

Setting the Stage

PARTS NEEDED:

-John (acts as narrator since he wrote the book)

-Mary

-Martha

-Jesus

-Thomas

-Disciples

John 11:1-16
(Adapted for reading in parts)

- John: 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,
- Mary and Martha: "Lord, the one you love is sick."
- John: When he heard this, Jesus said,
- Jesus: "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."
- John: Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days. Then he said to his disciples,
- Jesus: "Let's go back to Judea."
- Disciples: "But Rabbi,"
- John: they said,
- Disciples: "a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?"
- John: Jesus answered,
- Jesus: "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? A man who walks by day will not stumble, for he sees by this world's light. It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has no light."
- John: After he had said this, he went on to tell them,
- Jesus: "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."
- John: His disciples replied,
- Disciples: "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better."

John: Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So then he told them plainly,

Jesus: "Lazarus is dead...[PAUSE]...and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

John: Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples,

Thomas: "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

DIGGING IN

Front-Row Seat at the Resurrection

What Jesus Wanted	What Martha Wanted

Taking It Inward

"Lord, If You Would Just..."

MY LAZARUS SITUATIONS

CROSS-CHECKING

Perspective Is Everything

As you read the passages below, jot down anything you see that explains why we have "Lazarus situations." Also, keep your eyes peeled for anything that tells you how to handle these situations or what help you can expect from God.

Genesis 50:18-20

(The action picks up just after Joseph revealed his identity to his brothers in Egypt.)

Romans 8:24-39

Thinking about everything you've seen in these verses...

What is God saying to you about your "Lazarus situation(s)"?

How can you use the challenges you face as an opportunity for the work of God to be displayed?

What might your challenging situations be preparing you for?

WRAPPING IT UP

If You're Reading This, Something Went Wrong

MY TRUTH REMINDER