

Sermon

John 11:32-44

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John 11:1-31 (NIV)

- 1 ... Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.
- 2 (... Mary ... who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.)
- 3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.”



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4 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.”

5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, 7 and then he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.”



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11 ... he went on to tell them,

“Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep;
but I am going there to wake him up.”

12 ... “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.”

14 ... he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, 15
and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so
that you may believe. But let us go to him.”



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17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

18 Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, 19 and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them ...

20 ... Martha ... went out to meet (Jesus), but Mary stayed at home.



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

22 But I know that even now
God will give you whatever you ask.”

23 Jesus said ... , “Your brother will rise again.”

24 Martha answered, “I know he will rise again
in the resurrection at the last day.”



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25 Jesus said to her,

“I am the resurrection and the life.

The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

Do you believe this?”

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



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32 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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33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was **deeply moved in spirit and troubled**.

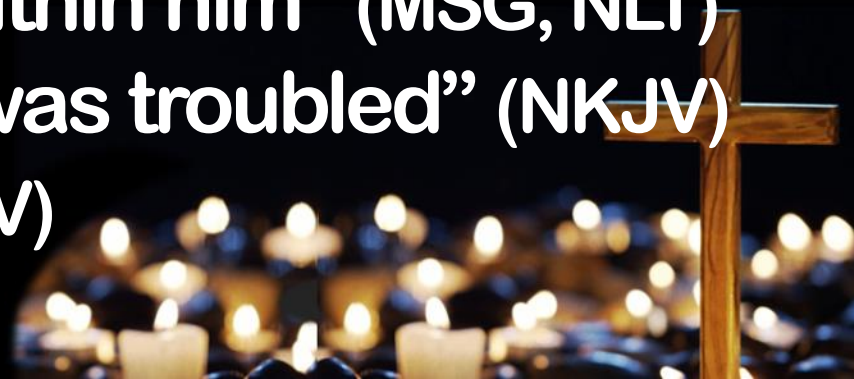
“his heart was touched ... deeply moved” (GNT)

“moved with indignation ... deeply troubled” (TLB)

“a deep anger welled up within him” (MSG, NLT)

“groaned in the spirit and was troubled” (NKJV)

“he was terribly upset” (CEV)



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34 “Where have you laid him?” he asked.

“Come and see, Lord,” they replied.

35 **Jesus wept.**

36 Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

37 But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

38 Jesus, **once more deeply moved,**
came to the tomb. ...



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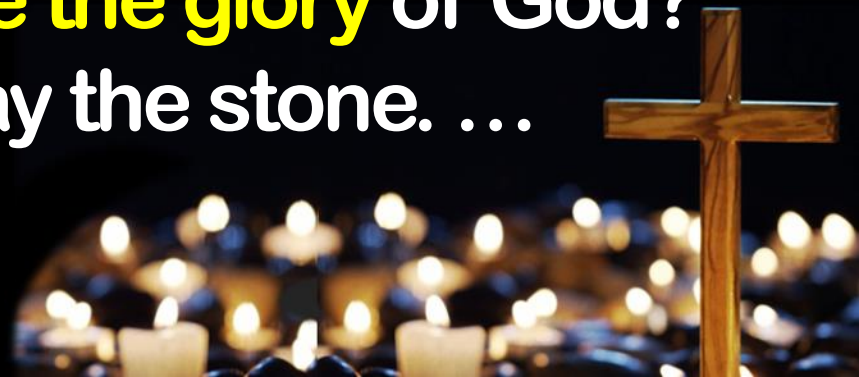
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38 ... It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 39 “Take away the stone,” he said.

“**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.”

40 Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you **believe**, you will **see the glory** of God?”

41 So they took away the stone. ...



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41 ... Then Jesus looked up and said,
“Father, **I thank you** that you have heard me.
42 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.”



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

44 The dead man came out,
his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen,
and a cloth around his face.



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Jesus said to them,

“Take off the grave clothes and **let him go.**”

“Untie him and let him go.” (CEV)

“Unbind him, and let him go.” (ESV)

“Unwrap him and let him go!” (TLB)

“Loose him, and let him go.” (NKJV)

“Untie him and let him go free.” (NCB)



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_____ was resurrected

for _____,
for _____, and
for _____

despite _____.



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Luth: “The cemetery or burial ground does not indicate a heap of the dead, but a field full of kernels, known as God’s kernels, which will verdantly blossom forth again and grow more beautifully than can be imagined”

(AE 28:178)



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Mission: We gather in Jesus' name,
grow through his word and sacraments,
and share his love with others.



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