

THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 11:30-44

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**"Jesus is The Resurrection
and the Life" – Part 3**

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John 1:12

**But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of
God, to those who believe in His name:**

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

John 11:30-44

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."

Recapping Our Last Study...

The Frustration of How God Does Things and When

It's often been said, and is even now a great question –

"If God exists, Why is there so much Evil in the World?"

**"If God is a God of Love, How can He allow so much pain and suffering to
be in the world?"**

This Question Has Been One That ALOT of People Have
Hid Behind **as an Excuse to not Believe in God**

The Bible, The Christian says, “God is Good”
but Life seems to us that pain and evil and wickedness is
everywhere

...pain and evil and wickedness is everywhere

**Honestly –
If God is Not Real, and if Jesus isn't The Savior of the World,
How Then Can You Explain All The Good That Exists in World?**

The Existence of Good and Evil Literally Confirms What the Bible
Says - That God is Good but Man Has Rejected God and Evil Has
Entered the World

The Bible Stands the Test of History, Attack, Reason,
Perfection

2 Timothy 3:16

The Bible was given to us by the inspiration of God and is useful to teach us what is
true and to make us see what is wrong in our lives;
it corrects us and helps us to do what is right. - (TLB)

**Jesus is
The Resurrection and the Life**

1.) We're to Trust God

vv. 33-37

Therefore, when **Jesus saw** her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping,
He groaned in the spirit **and was troubled**

***He understands the struggle
that each of us experiences***

Jesus Sees Mary - sincerely And the Jews - insincerely

An awkward scene of emotions

* groaned grk embrimaomai (em-brim-ah'-om-ahee); to snort like a horse
with anger. to have indignation or directed blame

It's Very Graphic and a Powerful Emotion
It's an involuntary response to something

The Strongest Display of Emotion
in Scripture

Verse 33

He groaned in the spirit **and was troubled**

* troubled grk tarasso (tar-as'-so);
to be deeply stirred up or agitated (like wind upon the
water):

He's Angry and Agitated

He understands the struggle

Hebrews 4:14-16

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Isaiah 54:10

For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

...So then He Must Experience What We Do

We're to Trust God

b.) He feels what we feel

vv. 34-36

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."

He feels the pain that plagues all our souls

Hebrews 2:16-18

For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. 17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

Verse 35

Jesus wept

* Weptgrk 1145 dakruo (dak-roo'-o)
to shed heavy, silent tears:

A radical thought to the greek mind of that day

The greek gods never wept, they were removed, shielded from the plagues of humanity...

For Jesus to have plainly declared His deity
And then to weep publicly, was to introduce to them a concept of
God that they could not refuse – a God who Cared

This Amazing Picture of Jesus Weeping
Is like a window into the heart of God

Ezekiel 33:11

"Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live.

Regarding Our Souls and Salvation, He Weeps

Luke 19:41-42

Now as Jesus drew near, He saw Jerusalem and wept over it, saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they shall be hidden from your eyes.

BUT THERE IS MORE HERE

The Bible Says...

Isaiah 53:3

Jesus would be despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief

He's Weeping Over What Death Brings
And He's Angry at The Unbelief

He Was Grieved at Sin

Genesis 2:15-17

Then the LORD God took Adam and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.
16 And the LORD God commanded him, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, **for in the day** that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Adam and Eve Had Committed Spiritual Suicide – (not physical suicide)

Romans 5:12

When Adam sinned, sin entered the entire human race. His sin spread death throughout all the world, so everything began to grow old and die, for all sinned.

Verse 36

Then The Jews said, "See how He loved him."

Jesus Was Wrenched in His spirit Over The Ravages of Sin and Death

Genesis 3:8-9

And Adam and Eve heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

THE SOUND OF A BROKEN-HEARTED FATHER

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish (continue on perishing) but have everlasting life.

We're to Trust God

c.) He discerns the human heart

vv. 37

And (but) some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?"

He discerns the human heart of every man

Unbelief Angers God - There is no Reason for it

Romans 3:3

For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect?

Hebrews 3:12

Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;

Smile Jesus Loves You

Psalm 7:11

God is a just judge, and He's angry with the wicked every day.

Jeremiah 17:9

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?"

Jesus is The Resurrection and the Life

2.) *We're to Obey God*

vv. 38-40

a.) *He knows our situations*

vv. 38-39a

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.**"

He knows our situations

In life and He knows the answer to them

Take away the stone.

AN AUTHORITATIVE COMMAND

This is exactly what Martha and Mary need and want,
They just don't know what He knows

When we are doubting Him, Taking Away the Stone is Stupid Thing to Do

We're to Obey God

b.) *He knows our limitations*

vv. 39b-40

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." 40 Jesus said to her, "**Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?**"

***He knows our limitations
and that we must grow in faith***

Verse 39

"Lord, by this time there is a stench,
for he has been dead four days."

They Want Their Brother Back – Maybe

"Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

When God Works a Good Work

Like a Bear Who's Leg is Caught in a Trap
You must first shoot it with a tranquilizer gun
Then you must push the leg deeper into the trap to get it to release

We're Like That Bear

Verse 39

Jesus said to her, "**Did I not say to you that if you would believe
you would see the glory of God?**"

Verse 4

**This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God
may be glorified through it."**

He knows our limitations and that we must grow in faith

Psalm 39:4

"LORD, make me to know my end, and what is the measure of my days, that I may know how frail I am.

We are often Frail
When we should be radical in faith

Psalm 103:14-16

For He knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. 15 As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. 16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone,

This is so Us - in this World
Martha Had Earlier Exercised Faith

John 11:23-24

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

I know You can handle eternity - that's cool
But what can You do about my situation right now

"Father, I give you my life and my soul, I ask You lord to write my name in Your Lambs book of Life and to save me forever...

Then comes the mailman and ^#@#**&^%)*&%!#^%^^!!

Jesus is The Resurrection and the Life

3.) We're to Honor God

vv. 41-44

a.) For Who Jesus is

vv. 41-42

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.**"

Jesus is both Lord and Savior - The Only Son of God

Jesus - The one sent by the Father

Verse 41

And **Jesus lifted up His eyes**
An Attitude of Prayer and Fellowship

John 17:1

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,

He Calls Upon **Them** to Roll the Stone Away
Then He Prays to the Father

The Father Son Connection

John 10:30

"I and My Father are one."

John 8:29

"And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

We're to Honor God

b.) For What Jesus does

vv. 43-44

Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice,
"Lazarus, come forth!"

***Jesus simply speaks the will of the Father,
and heaven and earth honors His command***

"Lazarus, come forth!"

AN AUTHORITATIVE COMMAND

An Invisible Earthquake – A Spiritual Tornado
Hit Satan's kingdom of death and suffering

Colossians 2:15

Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

- **Loud** that was for the crowd to hear
- **Lazarus** he called him and him only by name
 - **Come forth** was the command

Lazarus – Come Forth !!!

And Out He Came Out Under His Own Power – and Quick !!!

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a **shout**, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be (grk. harpadzo – lat. raptured) caught up together with them in the clouds...

Revelation 4:1

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard *was like* a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, **!!! I have never heard a wimpy trumpet!!!**

Lazarus By Name

I Think That When the Rapture Does Occure,
- I will Hear The Lord Shout My Name

Jack, It's Time to Come Home Now

Verse 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."

The Graveclothes

He was Totally Wrapped in Traditional Wrappings
(a miracle within a miracle)

He Had New Life

But his hands were bound, his feet were bound, face was wrapped

Without hands you cannot serve one another

Without feet you cannot go to the world

Without a face you tell the world

Romans 6:4

...that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

"Loose him and let him go"

AN AUTHORITATIVE COMMAND

Every time you take God at His word you're
Honoring Him and Glorifying Him

MAKING IT APPLY

WE LEARN THAT JESUS

knows and cares about our pain and troubles in life

WE LEARN THAT JESUS

has the answer to all of our situations

WE LEARN THAT MANY

Christians today are like Lazarus back then, bound and gagged

WE LEARN THAT LAZARUS

is a type of every lost soul in need of salvation

AND WE LEARN THAT WE NEED RESURRECTION

The Bible says we are dead in our sins until Jesus rescues us - That our best religious, moral and generous efforts are as filthy rags to God - And that every unsaved man and woman is decaying

ANSWER

We all need to hear Him say "*Jack Come Forth*"
And only then can you be loosed to live a life of freedom

Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:13-14

And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

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