

FOLLOW THE SIGNS

The Raising of Lazarus

John 11:1-44

The Evidence: Jesus _____.

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**." (John 11:3, NIV)

The Revelation: His _____ is not contingent on your _____.

The Evidence: Jesus _____.

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... (John 11:4-6, NIV)

(1) The disciples _____ while they waited... so they struggled with _____.

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?" ... "Our friend Lazarus has fallen **asleep**; but I am going there to wake him up." ... So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is **dead**, and for your sake **I am glad** I was not there, so that you may believe." "But **let us go** to him." Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may **die** with him." (John 11:7-16, NIV)

(2) Martha _____ while she waited... so she struggled with _____.

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for **four days**... 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?" "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I **believe** that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." (John 11:17-27, NIV)

(2) Mary _____ while she waited... so she struggled with _____.

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... 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." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was **deeply moved** in spirit and **troubled**. (John 11:28-33, NIV)

The Revelation: Jesus is more concerned about your _____ than he is your _____.

The Evidence: Jesus _____.

"Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. **Jesus wept**. (John 11:34-35, NIV)

The Revelation: Jesus _____; so cast your _____ on Jesus.

Then the Jews said, "See how he **loved** him!" (John 11:36, NIV)

If you stay focused on his **love**, even while you **wait**, you will discover his **comfort**.

The Evidence: Jesus _____.

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. Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you **believe**, you will see the **glory** of God?" 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." (John 11:38-44, NIV)

Revelation: _____ is not your master when Jesus is your masters; because Jesus is the master over _____!

Let your _____ give God the opportunity
for the _____ of his glory to those around you!

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The Revelation: His **love** is not contingent on your **circumstances**.

The Evidence: Jesus **Waits**.

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... (John 11:4-6, NIV)

(1) The disciples **worried** while they waited... so they struggled with **fear**.

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?" ... "Our friend Lazarus has fallen **asleep**; but I am going there to wake him up." ... So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is **dead**, and for your sake **I am glad** I was not there, so that you may believe." "But **let us go** to him." Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may **die** with him." (John 11:7-16, NIV)

(2) Martha **wondered** while she waited... so she struggled with **disappointment**.

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for **four days**... 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?" "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I **believe** that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." (John 11:17-27, NIV)

(2) Mary **wept** while she waited... so she struggled with **despair**.

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... 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." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was **deeply moved** in spirit and **troubled**. (John 11:28-33, NIV)

The Revelation: Jesus is more concerned about your **faith** than he is your **circumstances**.

The Evidence: Jesus **Comforts**.

"Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. **Jesus wept**. (John 11:34-35, NIV)

The Revelation: Jesus **cares**; so cast your **cares** on Jesus.

Then the Jews said, "See how he **loved** him!" (John 11:36, NIV)

If you stay focused on his **love**, even while you **wait**, you will discover his **comfort**.

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Revelation: **Death** is not your master when Jesus is your master; because Jesus is the master over **death!**

Let your **circumstances** give God the opportunity
for the **revelation** of His glory to those around you!