
moved in spirit and troubled. 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!”

The mystery of life is met with the glory of God and discovered in a life of faith.

— *John 11:38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. 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. 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.**”

— 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. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

— *John 11:4 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.”*

When we place the glory and honor of God as our greatest v_____, we can place our very lives and all that is important to us in His hands, leaving the results and outcomes to His goodness.

Key: Pg 1: meaning; hope; Pg. 2: sight; Pg 4: value

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Ultimately, it is God’s Larger Story that gives the deepest m_____ to life.

The glory of God

Why is walking by faith so important?
It is the basis for h_____.

Human expectations, human confusion

— *Isaiah 55:8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. ⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*

— *John 11:1 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (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.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.”*

John 11:4a When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death....”

John 11:4b “.... No, it is **for God’s glory** so that **God’s Son may be glorified** through it.”

John 11:5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

John 11:6 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.” (where Bethany is located).

One reason for our confusion:
we insist on living by s_____, not by faith.

John 11:8 “But Rabbi,” they said, “a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?”
John 11:9 Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world’s light.¹⁰ It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.”

John 11:11 After he had said this, he went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.”

John 11:12 His disciples replied, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.”¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

John 11:14 So then 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.”

Walking by faith, and the glory of God.

John 11:17 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 in the loss of their brother.²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

John 11:4 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.”

John 11:21 “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.”

John 11:23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”²⁴ Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”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?”

John 11:27 “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

The life of faith is hard, but it anchors us.

John 11:28 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.”²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.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.”

John 11:33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply
