

John 11:1-16

This Illness is for the Glory of God

1. Mary and Martha's Urgent _____: (1-3)

- a. Who: Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha, was ill. –*John 12:1-8*
- b. Where: In Bethany just outside of _____ . –*John 12:1*
- c. What: they sent to Jesus “*Lord, he whom you _____ is ill.*” –*John 13:23*
- d. Why: they _____ Jesus would come and heal him. –*John 4:47*

2. Jesus' Loving _____: (4-6)

- a. Jesus responds that Lazarus' illness will not _____ in death:
 - i. His illness will _____ God's glory. –*John 9:3; 11:40*
 - ii. It will _____ the glory of the Son of God. –*John 1:14; 2:11 5:23*
- b. Jesus _____ Martha, Mary, and Lazarus:
 - i. _____ He loved them He waited until Lazarus died. –*John 11:21*
 - ii. _____ God's glory in Christ is our greatest _____ and the source of our greatest _____. –*John 17:24; Rom 8:18; 2 Cor 3:17-4:6, 17*

3. Jesus' Fearless _____: (7-10)

- a. After two day Jesus informs the disciples of His intentions. –*John 9:4*
- b. They express their concern at the threat of the Jews. –*John 10:31, 39*
- c. ‘...*If anyone walks in the day, He does not stumble...*’
 - i. Jesus is _____ until His hour comes. –*John 7:30; 8:20; 13:1; 17:1-5*
 - ii. The disciples are _____ while Jesus is with them. –*John 8:12; 12:35*

4. Jesus' Sovereign _____: (11-16)

- a. Jesus tells the disciples that He goes to _____ Lazarus. –*1 Kgs 2:10*
- b. The disciples misunderstand. –*John 2:22; 12:16; 20:9*
- c. Jesus tells them plainly that Lazarus has died:
 - i. He _____ going for their sake also. –*John 2:11; 20:30-31*
 - ii. Seeing Jesus' _____ produces and strengthens faith. –*John 2:11*
- d. Thomas _____ misunderstands. –*John 11:51; 2 Cor 4:6-18*

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Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴ But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸ The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹ Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰ But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” ¹¹ After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” ¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” ¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶ So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”