

# THE BEREANS

ACTS 17:11

John 11:1-27

Lesson #38

The Death of Lazarus

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Should bad things happen to  
~~GOOD~~ PEOPLE?  
GOD'S



What must we  
believe if and  
when they do?

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## John 11

"<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> And it was the Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. <sup>3</sup> The sisters therefore sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but **for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified by it.**"

1. Believe that when bad things happen to those God loves they may be for a higher purpose.

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The wise chief,  
the naive brave,  
and the horse



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Some  
defeats  
are really  
victories!

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"<sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> When therefore He heard that he was sick, He then stayed two days longer in the place where He was. <sup>7</sup> Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and are You going there again?" <sup>9</sup> 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.** <sup>10</sup> **But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.**"

2. Believe that life is about God's glory not our glory.

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<sup>11</sup> This He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, that I may awaken him out of sleep." <sup>12</sup> The disciples therefore said to Him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." <sup>13</sup> Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He was speaking of literal sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus therefore said to them plainly, "**Lazarus is dead,** <sup>15</sup> **and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe;** but let us go to him." <sup>16</sup> Thomas therefore, who is called Didymus (twin), said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him."

**3. Believe that our timing and God's may not be in sink.**

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For Christians  
Everything is  
O.K. in the end.

If it's not O.K.  
it's not the end.

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<sup>17</sup> So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off; <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him; but Mary still sat in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha therefore said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You. <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother shall rise again."

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<sup>24</sup> Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies,** <sup>26</sup> **and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.** Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world."

**4. Believe that eternal and spiritual blessings are worth the temporal hardships.**

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### Lessons

**1. In the face of bad circumstances, don't despair but believe.**

Look for the glory of God in every story.

**2. Life is not about our glory but God's.**

Be prepared to lay aside your "rights" for your Master.

**3. The resurrection is for the dead not the living.**

We must finally die to be raised with Christ.

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