

Salvation Message 92: Jesus and Lazarus (Lazarus, Come Forth!)

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Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

John 11:1-4

Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless, let us go unto him.

Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow disciples,
Let us also go, that we may die with him.

Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four
days already.

Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:

And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them
concerning their brother.

Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and
met him: but Mary sat still in the house.
Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother
had not died.

But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will
give it thee.

Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the
resurrection at the last day.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth
in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest
thou this?

She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son
of God, which should come into the world.

And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her

sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.
As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him.

Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.

Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

Jesus wept.

Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe,

thou shouldest see the glory of God?

Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go

John 11:9-44

1. Your relationships and your friendships will connect you to the power of God.

Lazarus was connected to the power of God because of his sisters who were close to Jesus. Jesus Himself was interested and moved to help Lazarus because of His relationship with his sisters.

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John 11:1-3

2. Some problems come for the glory of God. Through that problem, the glory of God is revealed.

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John 11:4

3. Jesus is never in a hurry. Do not worry if Jesus does not seem alarmed about your problem. He is well able to solve your problem in due time.

Jesus answered, ARE THERE NOT TWELVE HOURS in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

John 11:9

4. The miracle of raising someone from the dead is the most fantastic of all the miracles Jesus ever did because it combined 3 fantastic miracles in one.

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John 11:41-44

- i. The first miracle was the calling of the spirit of Lazarus from heaven or hell.

- ii. The second miracle was the restoration of a decomposed body to normalcy.
- iii. The third miracle was the healing of Lazarus' body of the disease from which he died. If he were not healed of the disease he died from, he would have immediately died again when his spirit returned to his body.
- iv. Through this ultimate miracle, Jesus Christ demonstrated His supremacy over death, sickness and all the tragedies of mankind.

5. The miracle raising of Lazarus from the dead demonstrates the Love of God, the compassion of Jesus Christ, the greatness of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

... For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

6. "Lazarus come forth" - Jesus is calling you to come forth from physical death and spiritual death.

7. Open your heart to the call of the Lord as He summons you to come forth out of death.