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Joh 11:1-14** Now a certain *man* was sick, *named* Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. 11:2 (It was *that* Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) 3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. 4 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. 5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. 6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. 7 Then after that saith he to *his* disciples, Let us go into Judaea again. 8 *His* disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again? 9 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. 10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him. 11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may wake him out of sleep. 12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. 13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. 14 Then said Jesus un to them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

**>Where was Jesus and why did he wait so long to go to his friend Lazarus?  
He was at Bethabara Joh\_1:28; Joh\_10:40, about 30 miles from Bethany.**

*Joh 1:28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.  
Joh 10:40 And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there he abode.*  
  
**I believe Jesus waited to prove His power over physical death, and to test the disciple/friends trust of Him. This was about a day’s journey, and it renders it probable that Lazarus died soon after the message was sent. One day would be occupied before the message came to him; two days he remained; one day would be occupied by him in going to Bethany; so that Lazarus had been dead four days Joh\_11:39 when he arrived. This shows, moreover, that he intended to raise him up. If he had not, how could the family have dealt with this devastating blow to their friendship.**

**Lazarus Come Forth!**  
15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him. 16 Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him. 17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had *lain* in the grave four days already. 18 Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off: 19 And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. 20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat *still* in the house. 21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. 22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give *it* thee. 23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. 24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. 25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? 27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world. 28 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. 29 As soon as she heard *that,* she arose quickly, and came unto him. 30 Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him. 31 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. 32 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. 33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, 34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. 35 Jesus wept. 36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him! 37 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? 38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. 39 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. 40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? 41 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. 42 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. 43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. 44 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.   
  
**Luk 10:38-42** Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. 40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. 41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: 42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

**Joh 12:1-10** Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. **2** There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. 4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son,* which should betray him, 5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? 6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. 7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. 8 For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always. 9 Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death;

**>Hosting the Creator of the Universe what a privilege!   
>Mary splurged a whole lb of oil on Jesus.**

**What is "spikenard" (John 12:3)?   
Spikenard is a plant that only grows in the Himalaya mountains of India and Nepal. Mary's fragrant oil of spikenard was a rare, imported product in Israel.**

**How expensive was the spikenard Mary used to anoint Jesus' feet?   
One denarius was the wage for one day's labor, so if Judas' estimate of the value of Mary's spikenard is correct, "three hundred denarii" (John 12:5) would have been someone's annual salary, equivalent to several tens of thousands of dollars today.**

**>Judas always greedy seeking to fill the money bags which he might pilfer**.

We will examine this more next week.

**Death of Jesus Prophesied**

45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him. 46 But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done. 47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. 48 If we let him thus alone, all *men* will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.   
49 And one of them, *named* Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, 50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. 51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; 52 And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. 53 Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death. 54 Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples.

**>Caiaphas the high priest, predicts the very thing that God will bring to pass with the atonement of Jesus for the sin of the Jews first, and to include all nations.  
>Caiaphas and crew were plotting to have Jesus killed, and was in no way pure in these things that were plotted against Jesus.   
>This is a repeated pattern with Jesus and the religious leaders of the Jews. They were jealous of his miracles, which proved His divinity. They sought to kill Him because they were afraid of losing their following of people, religious and political power with the people and with the secular government of Rome.**

**Jesus’ Last Passover**  
55 And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves. 56 Then sought they for Jesus, and spake among themselves, as they stood in the temple, What think ye, that he will not come to the feast? 57 Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should shew *it,* that they might take him.

**Who were "****Pharisees"?**  
Pharisees were one of the leading sects within Judaism. Pharisees took pride in trying to adhere not only to the laws in the Old Testament, but a dizzying array of man-made laws as well. They were respected by the other Jews and enjoyed social, religious and political power in the community.

**Who were the** **rulers of the Jews?**  
The Sanhedrin was the seventy or so members of the political-judiciary-religious body that ruled Israel.

**Didn't the Romans rule Israel at this time? And wasn't there also a king named Herod?**  
Yes, the Sanhedrin ruled under the supervision of Herod, whom the Roman emperor had appointed for the region that included Israel. Herod in turn was under the rule of the Roman emperor, who was represented by the Roman governor and legion stationed in the region.

**>I find it very interesting that John chps 11-21 encompasses the last months of Jesus stay here on earth from Lazarus’ rising, to Jesus’ own betrayal, crucifixion death, burial, resurrection, and season of teaching before His ascension to sit at the right hand of the Father. In ch 21 Jesus is teaching Peter to feed His sheep IF he loves Him. This is the verse that finally broke my resistance to being a teacher.  
  
Jesus foretold beforehand that they would meet there after His own rising/resurrection.**

**Mar\_14:28; Mar\_16:7; Mat\_26:32; Mat\_28:10.  
  
>How long did Jesus teach after His resurrection?** *1Co 15:4-8 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: 6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. 7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. 8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.*

*Act 1:2-5 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:* ***3******To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:*** *4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

In conclusion, we see Jesus exercising His authority and wisdom in Lazarus’ sickness, death, and raising from the dead for two primary reasons; 1. Prove His power/divinity 2. Test the disciples loyalty  
  
We see Jesus’ death prophesied by the chief priest Caiaphas for two main reasons: 1. To point to the Atonement of Christ for Jews and Gentiles alike 2. To hold the council of the Jews accountable for their wicked intentions against Jesus. Caiaphas spoke, the Jews agreed, and plotted.  
  
   
  
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