

“The Love of Jesus”

John 11: 1-6, 30-45 10/17/21

Outline

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.”

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.” ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days,

³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

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.”

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply 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!”

³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

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.”

Introduction

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I. The Wisdom of Jesus' Love.

"Lord, the one you love is sick." (vs. 3)

"Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus." (vs. 5)

"It was not because of his sins or the sins of his parents. This happened so that the power of God could be seen in him." John 9:3

Not Why, But What

"for God's glory." (vs. 4)

The Redemption of Suffering

How Mary and Martha Faced Hardship

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1. They Prayed

“So let us come boldly to the throne of grace.” Hebrews 4:16

2. They Waited

II. The Depth of Jesus’ Love

“deeply moved” (vss. 33, 35, 38)

“Even if my father and mother abandon me, the LORD will hold me close.” Psalm 27:10

*“Oh, how can I give you up, Israel?
How can I let you go?”*

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*My heart is torn within me,
and my compassions overflow.” Hebrew 11:8*

*“He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.” Psalm 40:2*

Conclusion

“Lord, it’s me, _____ the one you love is sick.”