

***“If You Would Have Been Here...”***

***Hope is Alive***

***Part 3***



*“Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.*

*<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.”*

*<sup>4</sup> 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.” <sup>5</sup> Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.*

*<sup>7</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea”.*

*John 11:1-7*

***“The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you,”***

***2 Peter 3:9***

Jesus sees the bigger picture

*On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.*

*<sup>21</sup> “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”*

***23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."***

***24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."***

***25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"***

***27 "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."***

***28 And after she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." 29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. 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."***

***John 11:17-32***

*Jesus can handle your feelings*

***“Permit yourself tears. God understands.”***

***Max Lucado***

*“When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup> “Where have you laid him?” he asked.*

*“Come and see, Lord,” they replied.*

*<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.”*

*John 11:33-35*

*Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> “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.”*

*<sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would 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."***

***John 11:38-44***

*Faith is the foundation to HOPE*

Jesus brings LIFE



***“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”***

***John 16:33***

***“Jesus’s “(My) purpose is to give (them) a rich and satisfying life.”***

***John 10:10***



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