

## Isaiah 48:9-11

<sup>9</sup>For my own name's sake I delay my wrath; for the sake of my praise I hold it back from you, so as not to cut you off. <sup>10</sup>See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. <sup>11</sup>For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this. How can I let myself be defamed? I will not yield my glory to another.

## Isaiah 42:8-12

<sup>8</sup>“I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.” <sup>10</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you islands, and all who live in them. <sup>11</sup>Let the desert and its towns raise their voices; let the settlements where Kedar lives rejoice. Let the people of Sela sing for joy; let them shout from the mountaintops. <sup>12</sup>Let them give glory to the LORD and proclaim his praise in the islands.

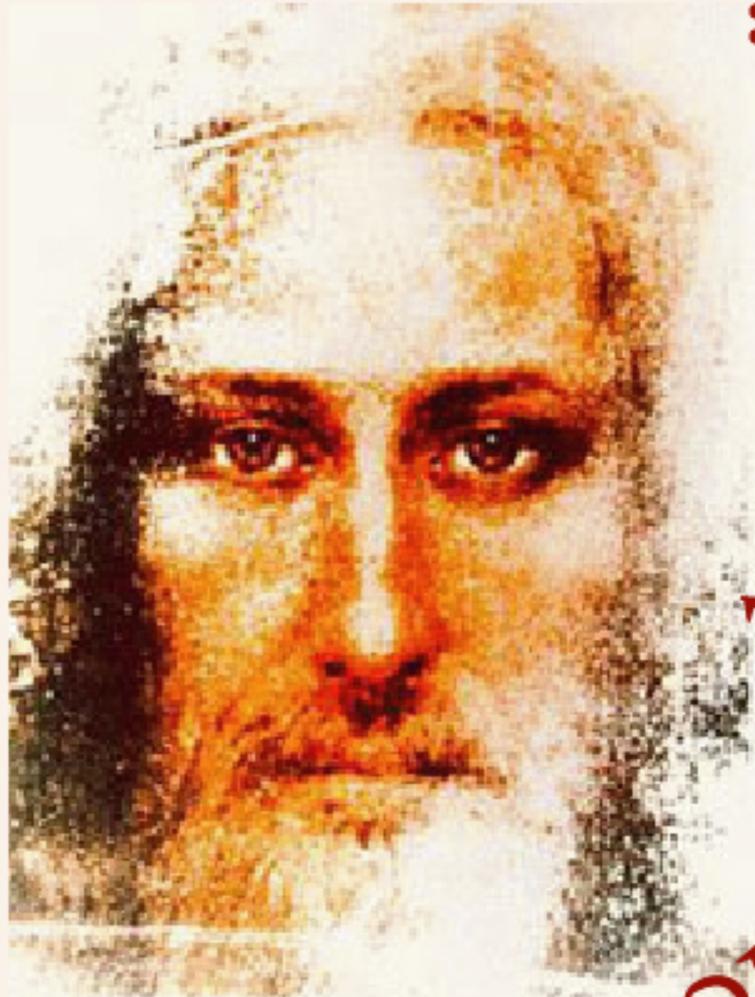
**“ A man can no more diminish  
God's glory by refusing to  
worship Him than a lunatic  
can put out the sun by  
scribbling 'darkness' on the  
walls of his cell.”**

C. S. Lewis ~ *The Problem of Pain*



# The Gospel of John ~ Part Two:

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*"Who do you say that I am?"*

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Meeting  
Jesus Christ  
through  
His signs  
and ministry  
~ John 1:19-12:50

## John 11:1-16

<sup>1</sup>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."

## John 11:1-16

<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.”

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<sup>8</sup>“But Rabbi,” they said, “a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?” <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? A man who walks by day will not stumble, for he sees by this world’s light. <sup>10</sup>It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has no light.”

## John 11:1-16

<sup>11</sup>After he had said this, he went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.”

<sup>12</sup>His disciples replied, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.”

<sup>13</sup>Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. <sup>14</sup>So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, <sup>15</sup>and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup>Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

# The arrival in Bethany

## John 11:17-19

<sup>17</sup>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.

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<sup>24</sup>Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

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

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<sup>27</sup>“Yes, Lord,” she told him, “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

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## John 11:28-37

<sup>28</sup>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.”

<sup>29</sup>When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.

# The Comfort of Mary

## John 11:28-37

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>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.

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**John 11:28-37**

<sup>32</sup>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.”

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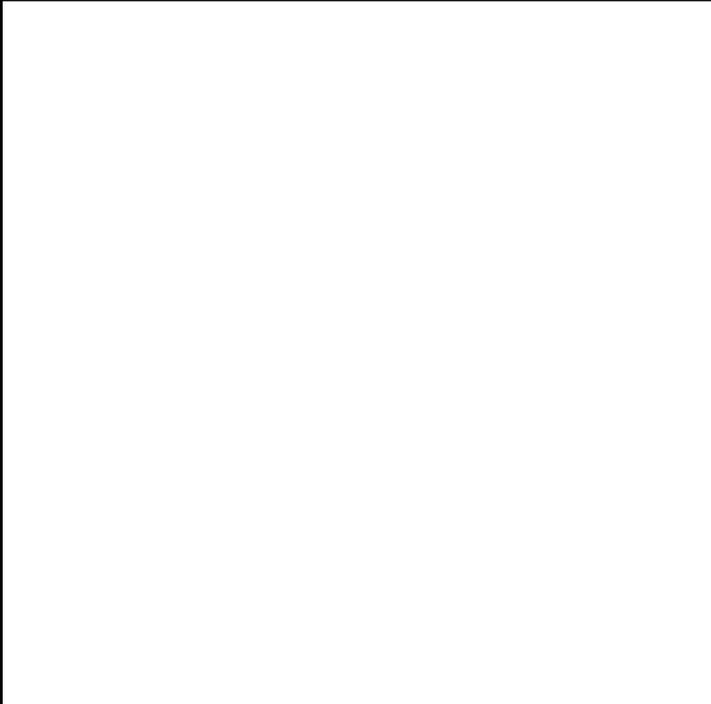
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<sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and

troubled. <sup>34</sup>“Where have you laid him?” he asked.

“Come and see, Lord,” they replied.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus wept.



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## John 11:28-37

<sup>36</sup>Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

*Where Have You Laid Him?*  
**John 11:34**

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# *Jesus Declares His Emotion Again*

## **John 11:38**

<sup>38</sup>Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.

*You will see the Glory of God!*

**John 11:39-41a**

<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?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone.

*You will see the Glory of God!*

## **Romans 1:21-25**

<sup>21</sup>For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup>Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools <sup>23</sup>and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. <sup>24</sup>Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. <sup>25</sup>They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator — who is for ever praised. Amen.

*You will see the Glory of God!*

**Romans 3:22b, 23**

<sup>22b</sup> There is no difference, <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the  
glory of God...

*You will see the Glory of God!*

**Romans 5:1, 2**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

But the most obvious fact about praise-whether of God or any thing-strangely escaped me. I thought of it in terms of compliment, approval, or the giving of honor. I had never noticed that all enjoyment spontaneously overflows into praise unless (sometimes even if) shyness or the fear of boring others is deliberately brought in to check it. The world rings with praise - lovers praising their mistresses, readers their favorite poet, walkers praising the countryside, players praising their favorite game-praise of weather, wines, dishes, actors, motors, horses, colleges, countries, historical personages, children, flowers, mountains, rare stamps, rare beetles, even sometimes politicians or scholars. I had not noticed how the humblest, and at the same time most balanced and capacious, minds, praised most, while the cranks, misfits and malcontents praised least...I had not noticed either that just as men spontaneously praise whatever they value, so they spontaneously urge us to join them in praising it: "Isn't she lovely? Wasn't it glorious? Don't you think that magnificent?" The Psalmists in telling everyone to praise God are doing what all men do when they speak of what they care about. My whole, more general, difficulty about the praise of God depended on my absurdly denying to us, as regards the supremely Valuable, what we delight to do, what indeed we can't help doing, about everything else we value. I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation.

~ C. S. Lewis, *Reflections on the Psalms*, pp. 93-95

*Speaking for our benefit*  
**John 11:41b-42**

Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>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.”

# *Lazarus, Come Out!*

## **John 11:43**

<sup>43</sup>When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice,  
“Lazarus, come out!”

*Take off his grave clothes and let him go!*

**John 11:44**

<sup>44</sup>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.”