

UPPER ROOM ADULT BIBLE STUDY

“The Gospel of John”

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Lesson 44: John 10:40 - 11:1-44

“The Day Jesus Took a Day Off?”

⁴⁰ He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained. ⁴¹ And many came to him. And they said, “John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” ⁴² And many believed in him there.

a. **“He went away again...place where John had been baptizing...there He remained.”** – Jesus returned to the place of His own Baptism, seeking refuge from rejection and persecution of the Jewish authorities. Perhaps returning to the Jordan gave Him comfort as He would have recalled His own Baptism.

a. Where were you baptized?

b. Have you ever returned to the actual location?

c. You can return to the promises God made for you every day:

“You Are (New Identity)

My Child (Belonging to God)

Whom I Love (Loved Unconditionally)

With You (Never Alone)

I AM (God’s Personal Presence)

Well Pleased.” (Validation of Highest Worth)

b. **“And many came to Him... many believed in him there.”** – What a contrast! Rejected by the Sanhedrin and educated Pharisees, but sought after and believed in by many others!

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴ But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

a. “Mary who anointed the Lord”

b. “This illness does not lead to death.”

c. “It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God”

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when he heard that Lazarus^[a] was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸ The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹ Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone

walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

¹⁰ But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.”

- a. “So, when He heard that Lazarus was ill, He stayed two day longer”
- b. “Then, after this...’Let us go to Judea again.”
- c. “day...not stumble...he sees the light”
- d. “night...stumbles...the light is not in him”

¹¹ After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” ¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” ¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶ So Thomas, called the Twin,^[b] said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

- a. “fallen asleep...Jesus had spoken of his death.”
- b. “I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe.”

¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles^[c] off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.^[d] Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

- a. “Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.”
- b. “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”
- c. “I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”
- d. “I am the resurrection and the life.”
- e. “Whoever believes...though he die...he live...shall never die.”

²⁸ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved^[e] in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴ And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ So 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 also have kept this man from dying?”

- a. “He was deeply moved”
- b. “Could not He...also have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

- a. “Did I not tell you, that if you believed, you would see...?”
- b. “on account of the people...that they may believe”
- c. “Unbind him, and let him go.”