

## Gospel According to John 11:14 – 37

New American Standard Version

1    <sup>14</sup> So Jesus then said to them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, <sup>15</sup> and I am  
2    glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe;  
3    but let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup> Therefore Thomas, who is called Didymus,  
4    said to *his* fellow disciples, “Let us also go, so that we may die with  
5    Him.” <sup>17</sup> So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in  
6    the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two  
7    miles off; <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary,  
8    to console them concerning *their* brother. <sup>20</sup> Martha therefore,  
9    when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but  
10    Mary stayed at the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha then said to Jesus, “Lord, if  
11    You had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> Even now I  
12    know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus  
13    \*said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> Martha \*said to  
14    Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last  
15    day.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he  
16    who believes in Me will live even if he dies, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who  
17    lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”  
18    <sup>27</sup> She \*said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the  
19    Christ, the Son of God, *even* He who comes into the world.”  
20    <sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went away and called Mary her  
21    sister, saying secretly, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”  
22    <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she \*got up quickly and was coming to  
23    Him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still  
24    in the place where Martha met Him. <sup>31</sup> Then the Jews who were  
25    with her in the house, and consoling her, when they saw that Mary  
26    got up quickly and went out, they followed her, supposing that she  
27    was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> Therefore, when Mary  
28    came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to  
29    Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have  
30    died.” <sup>33</sup> When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who  
31    came with her *also* weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and  
32    was troubled, <sup>34</sup> and said, “Where have you laid him?” They \*said  
33    to Him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews were  
34    saying, “See how He loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could  
35    not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have kept this  
36    man also from dying?”

*Use the suggestions on the back page as a starting point for your own **Observation, Interpretation, and Application.***

### **Observation (What does it say?):**

*Underline Martha's interactions with Jesus.*

*Underline Mary's interactions with Jesus.*

*What similarities are there in the sisters' contact with Jesus?*

*What contrasts are there between the sisters' contact with Jesus?*

*How did Jesus respond to each sister?*

### **Interpretation (What does it mean?):**

*Why is the “four days” (l. 6) John mentions important? How might that delay in Jesus' arrival have affected each of the sisters' response?*

*“Jesus wept” – why? What circumstances prompted His emotions?*

### **Application (What does it mean for me?):**

*How do you respond to God's delays?*

*What effect does Jesus' reaction in this passage have on your response?*

## Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

### Observation

(What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage (repetition, comparisons, contrasts, cause and effect, unusual words, etc.)? Mark the passage (underline, circles, etc.) to help bring out the writer's thought process.

- Who are the people involved?
- What is the action taking place?
- What type of literature is the passage (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are there any unusual words used?
- Is there any symbolic or figurative language used?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Is there any repetition of words or ideas?
- Are there comparisons or contrasts?
- Are there indications of cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose (“in order that...”)?
- Are there conclusions (“Therefore...”)?
- Does the passage contain any explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good “headline” for the passage?

### Interpretation

(What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts of the passage that would help you **interpret** the writer's meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

### Application

(What does it mean for me?)

How does the writer's meaning relate to your life? What specific application might the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

**Read nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden that is really in them. – J.A. Bengel**