



— THE GOSPEL OF —
JOHN

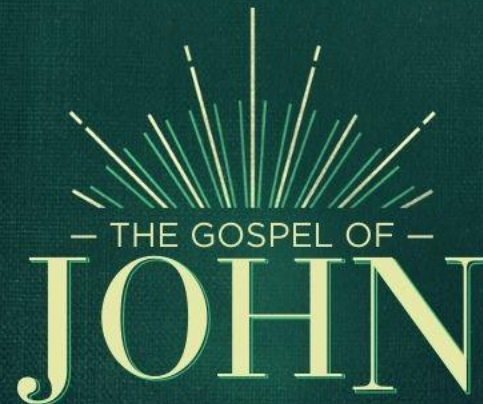
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A Survey of the Signs in the Gospel of John

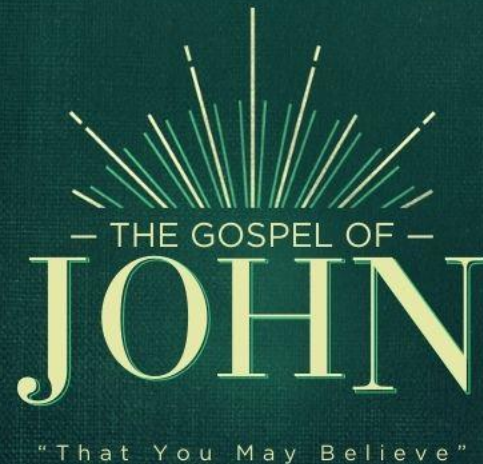
Wednesdays @ 7 PM

Adult Class (1st Quarter 2025)



“That You May Believe”

**Lesson 7: “*Your Brother Will Rise Again*”
Master over Death (John 11)**



SEVEN SIGNS OF JESUS IN JOHN

“these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ...”

(John 20:31).

1

JESUS TURNS WATER INTO WINE (JOHN 2:1-13)

This demonstrates His power over quality resulting in belief (2:11).

2

JESUS HEALS THE NOBLEMAN'S SON (JOHN 4:46-54)

This demonstrates the ability of Jesus to heal from a distance and this miracle resulted in belief (4:50, 53).

3

JESUS HEALS THE LAME MAN (JOHN 5:1-18)

This miracle demonstrates the power of Jesus over time--this man had been lame for 38 years--but Jesus turns back the clock.

4

JESUS FEEDS 5,000 (JOHN 6:1-14)

Despite being given only 5 loaves and 2 fishes, Jesus has power over quantity and feeds the multitude resulting in belief (6:14).

5

JESUS WALKS ON WATER (JOHN 6:16-21)

This miracle proved the power of Jesus over nature. Like Moses, Jesus performs miracles involving bread and water leading to their belief.

6

JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN (JOHN 9:1-41)

Jesus proves his power over misfortune by healing a man born blind. This resulted in belief (9:11, 17, 33, 38), but also rejection (9:16, 24, 29, 40-41).

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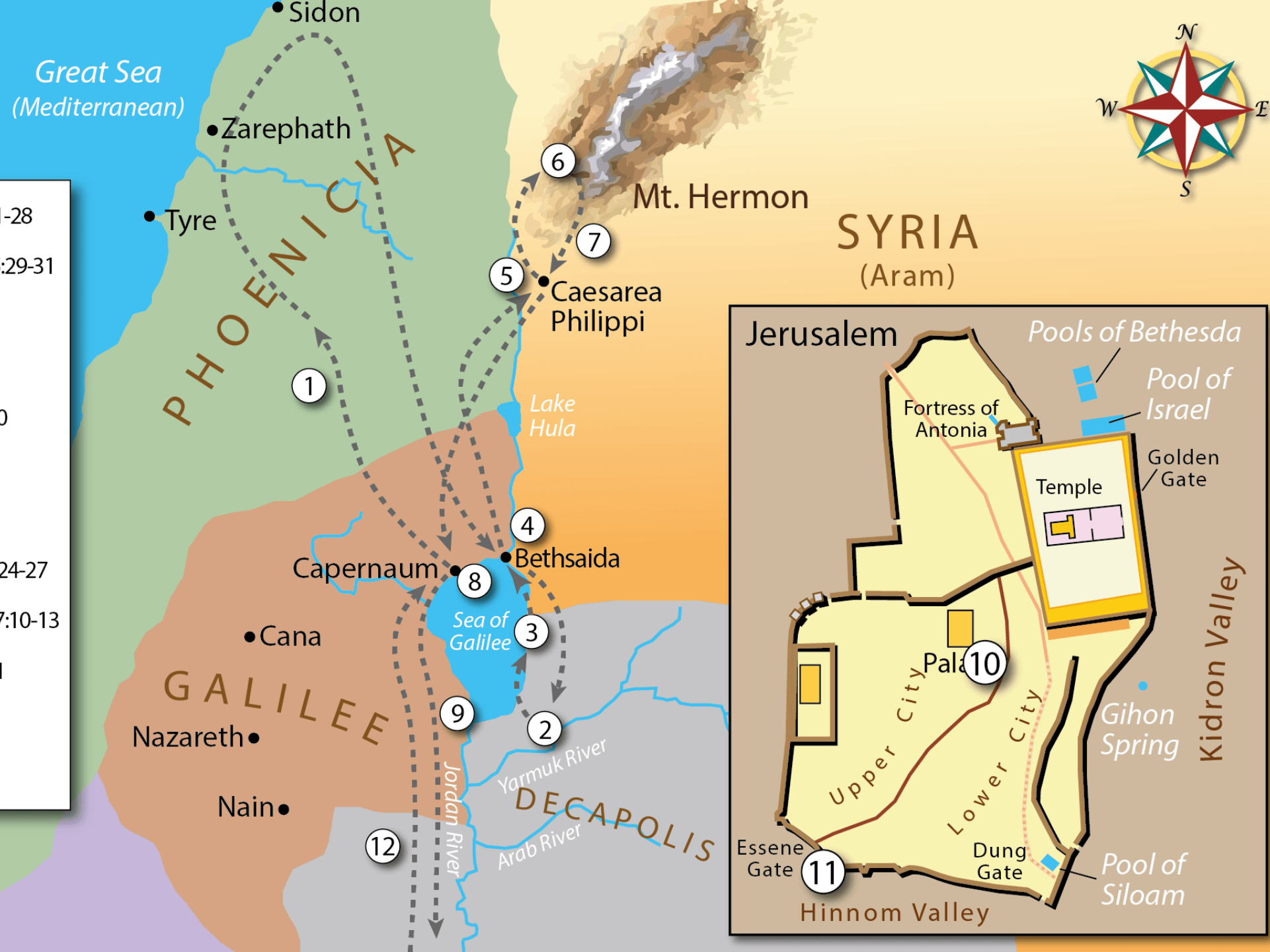
JESUS RAISES LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD (JOHN 11:1-44)

Jesus shows He has power over death by raising Lazarus. This was a foreshadowing of His own death, burial, and resurrection to happen later.

Christ 6

Healings, Teaching, and Transfiguration

- ① To region of Tyre and Sidon - Mt. 15:21-28
- ② Deaf mute healed - Decapolis - Mt. 15:29-31
- ③ Feeding of the 4,000 - Mk. 8:1-9
- ④ Blind man healed - Mk. 8:22-26
- ⑤ "... I will build my church." - Mt. 16:13-20
- ⑥ Transfiguration - Mt. 17:1-8
- ⑦ Epileptic boy healed - Mt. 17:14-21
- ⑧ Coin from fish for Temple tax - Mt. 17:24-27
- ⑨ Jerusalem - Feast of Tabernacles - Jn. 7:10-13
- ⑩ Woman caught in adultery - Jn. 8:1-11
- ⑪ Blind man healed - Jn. 9:1-41
- ⑫ Return journey to Galilee - Mk. 10:1

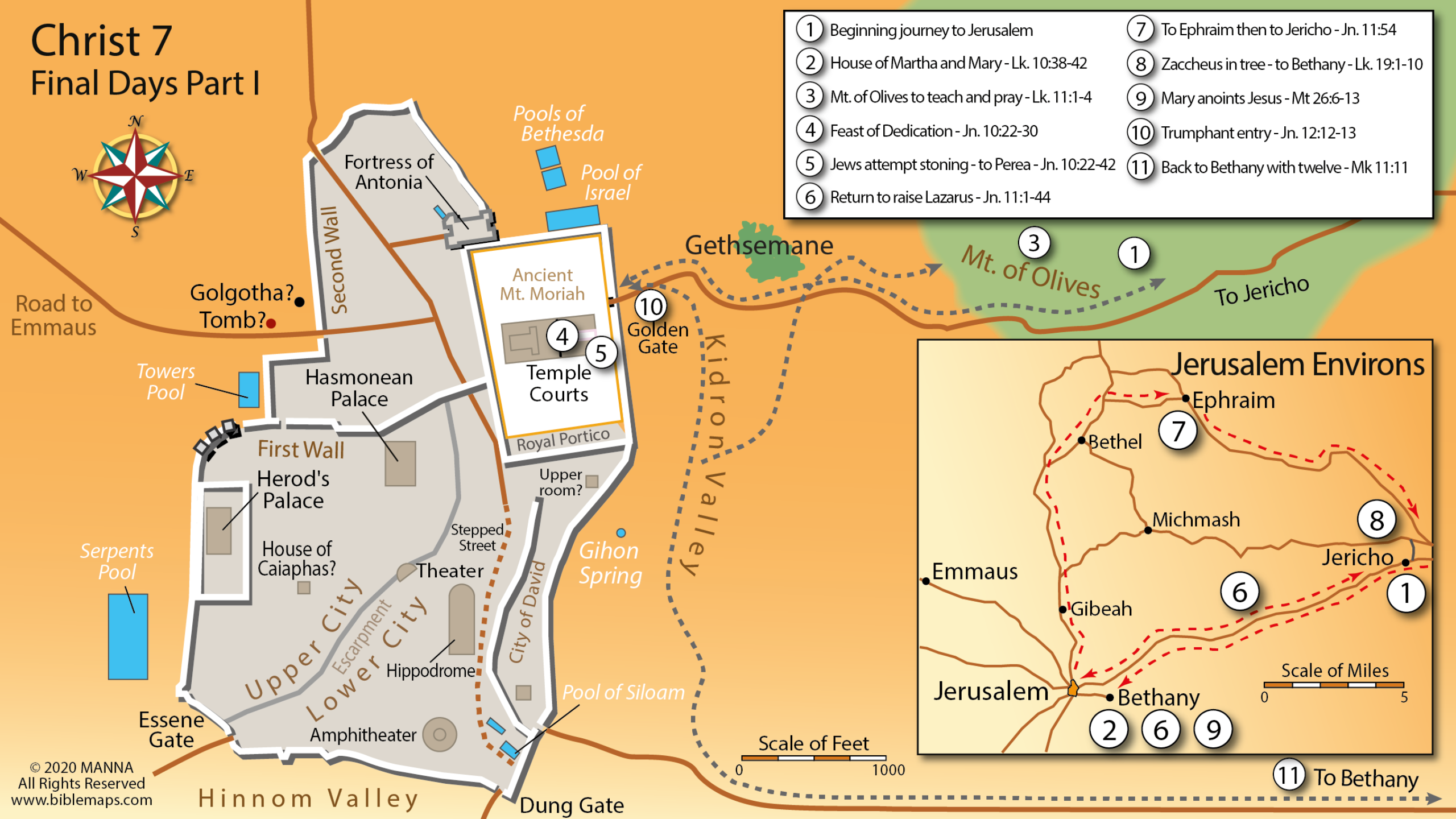


Christ 7

Final Days Part I



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| ① Beginning journey to Jerusalem | ⑦ To Ephraim then to Jericho - Jn. 11:54 |
| ② House of Martha and Mary - Lk. 10:38-42 | ⑧ Zaccheus in tree - to Bethany - Lk. 19:1-10 |
| ③ Mt. of Olives to teach and pray - Lk. 11:1-4 | ⑨ Mary anoints Jesus - Mt 26:6-13 |
| ④ Feast of Dedication - Jn. 10:22-30 | ⑩ Trumphant entry - Jn. 12:12-13 |
| ⑤ Jews attempt stoning - to Perea - Jn. 10:22-42 | ⑪ Back to Bethany with twelve - Mk 11:11 |
| ⑥ Return to raise Lazarus - Jn. 11:1-44 | |



Road to Emmaus

Golgotha?
Tomb?

Second Wall

Fortress of Antonia

Pools of Bethesda
Pool of Israel

Gethsemane

Ancient Mt. Moriah

④
⑤
Temple Courts

⑩ Golden Gate

③
Mt. of Olives

①

To Jericho

Towers Pool

Hasmonean Palace

First Wall

Herod's Palace

House of Caiaphas?

Stepped Street

Theater

Gihon Spring

Kidron Valley

City of David

Pool of Siloam

Serpents Pool

Upper City
Lower City

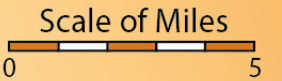
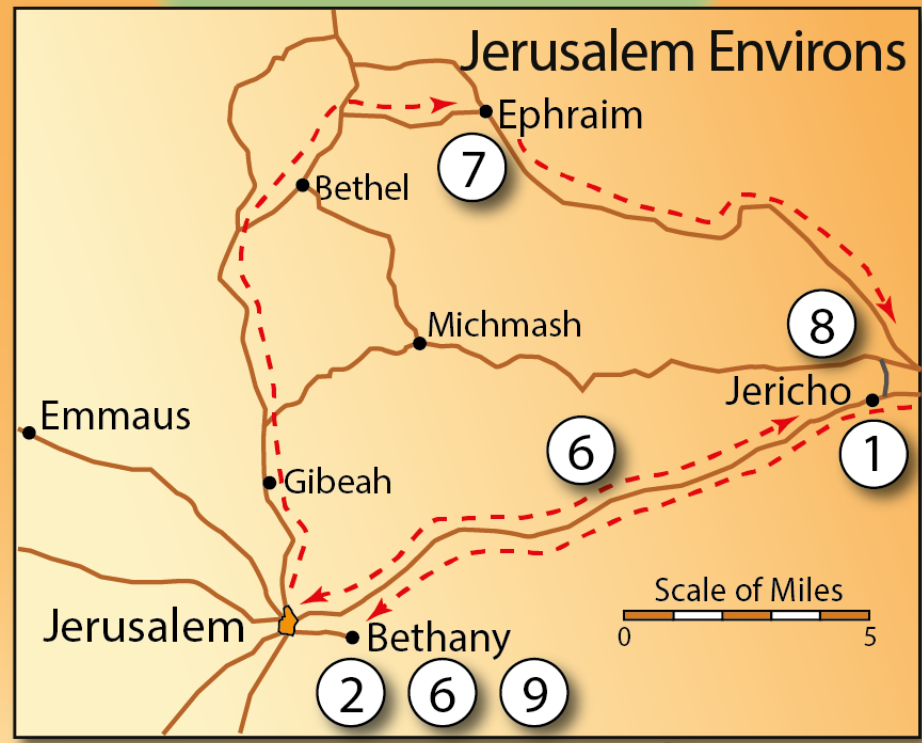
Hippodrome

Amphitheater

Dung Gate

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Hinnom Valley

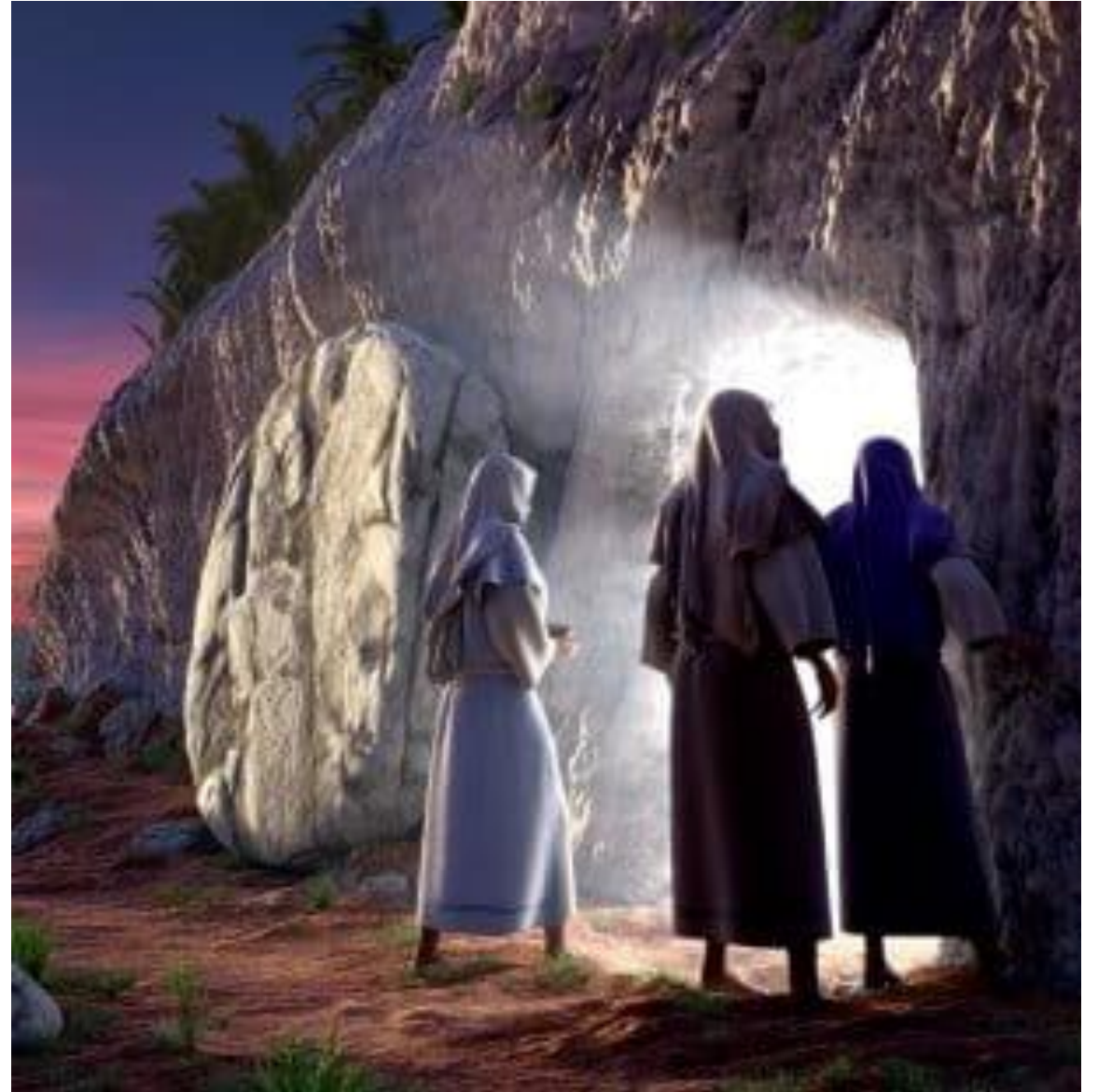


⑪ To Bethany

John 11

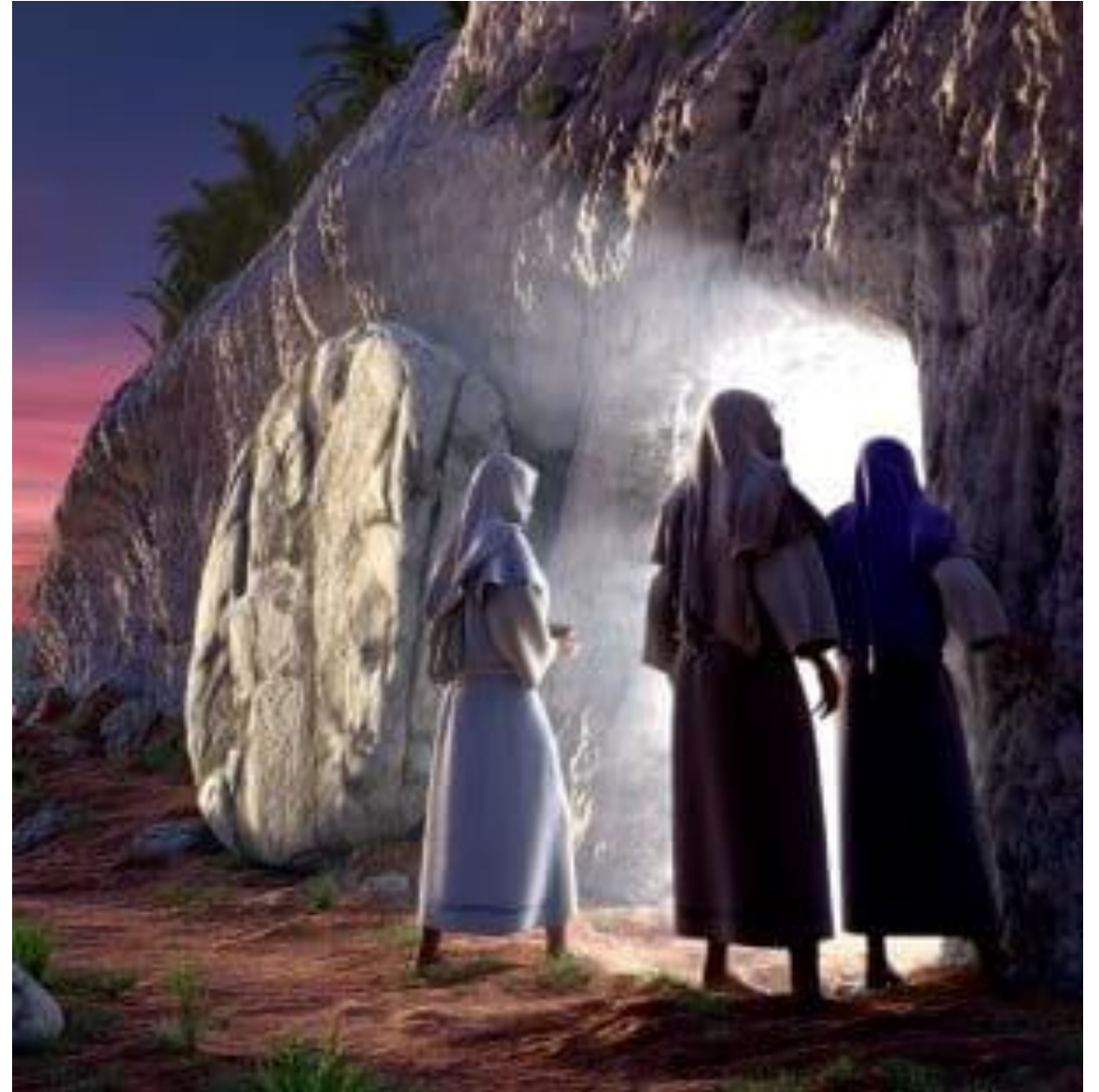
“Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” 4 But when Jesus heard it 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.”

5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So, when he heard that Lazarus 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.”



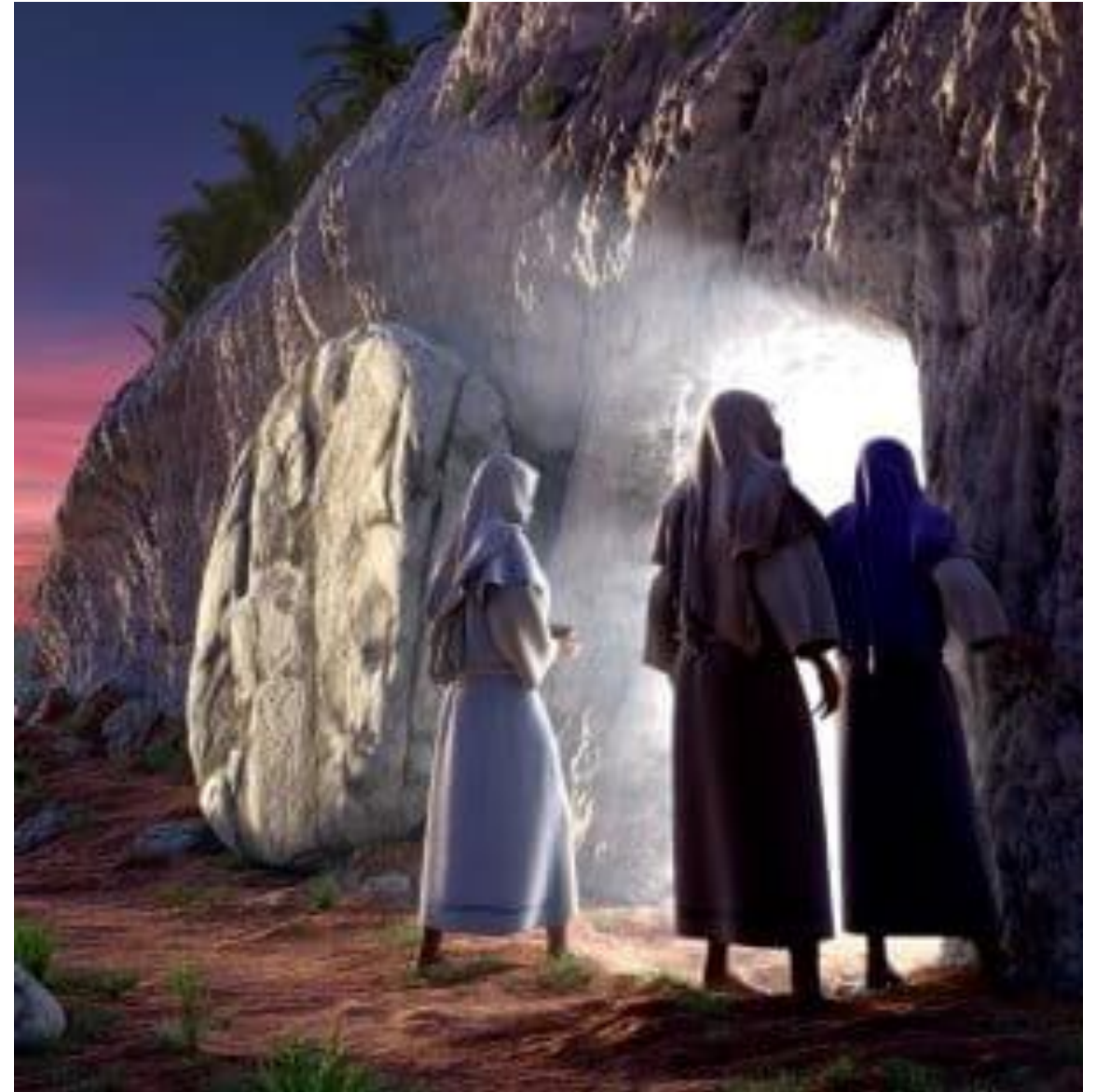
John 11

“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.” 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, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”



John 11

“Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles 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. 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.”



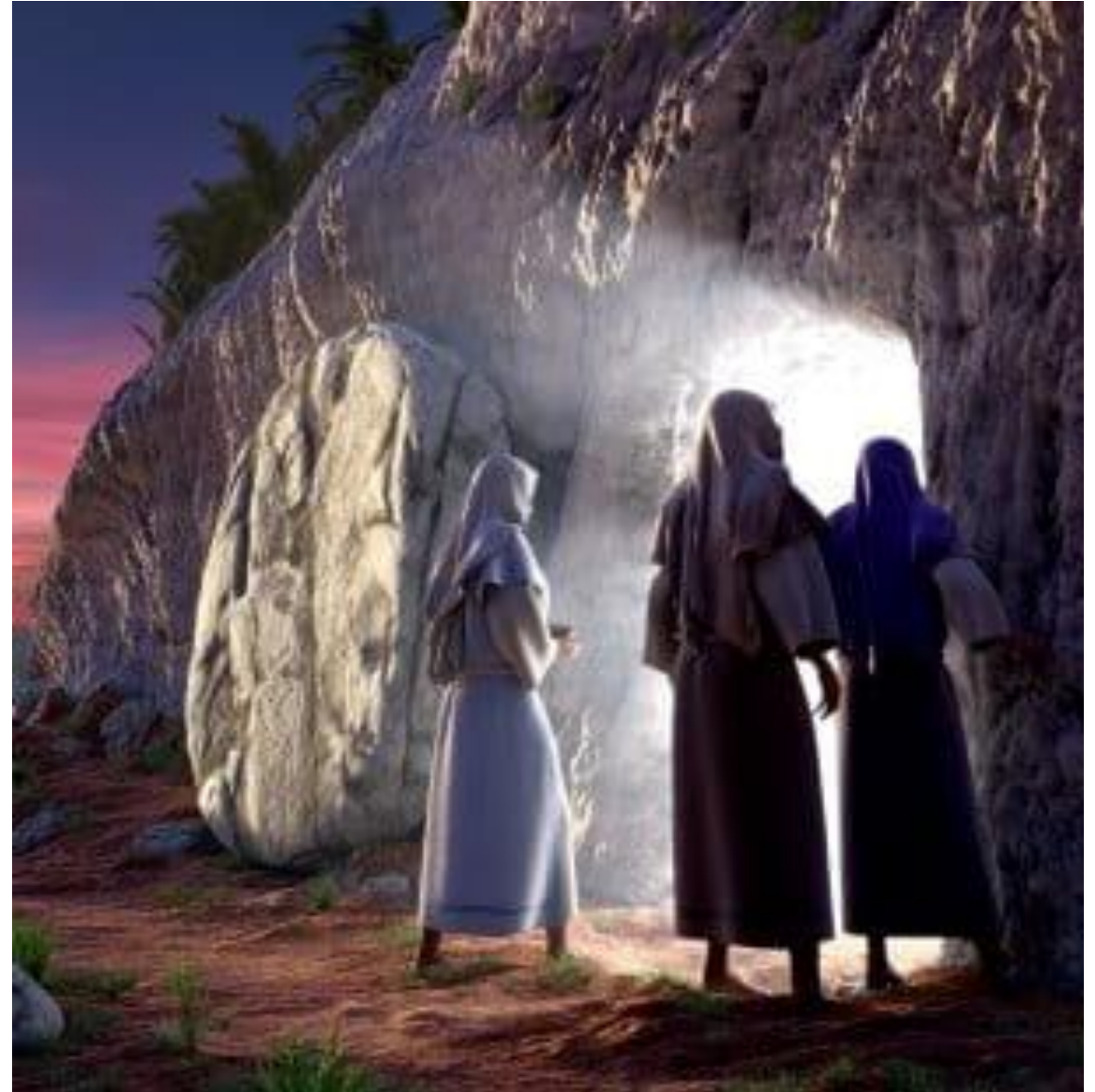
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“When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” 29 And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still 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 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?””



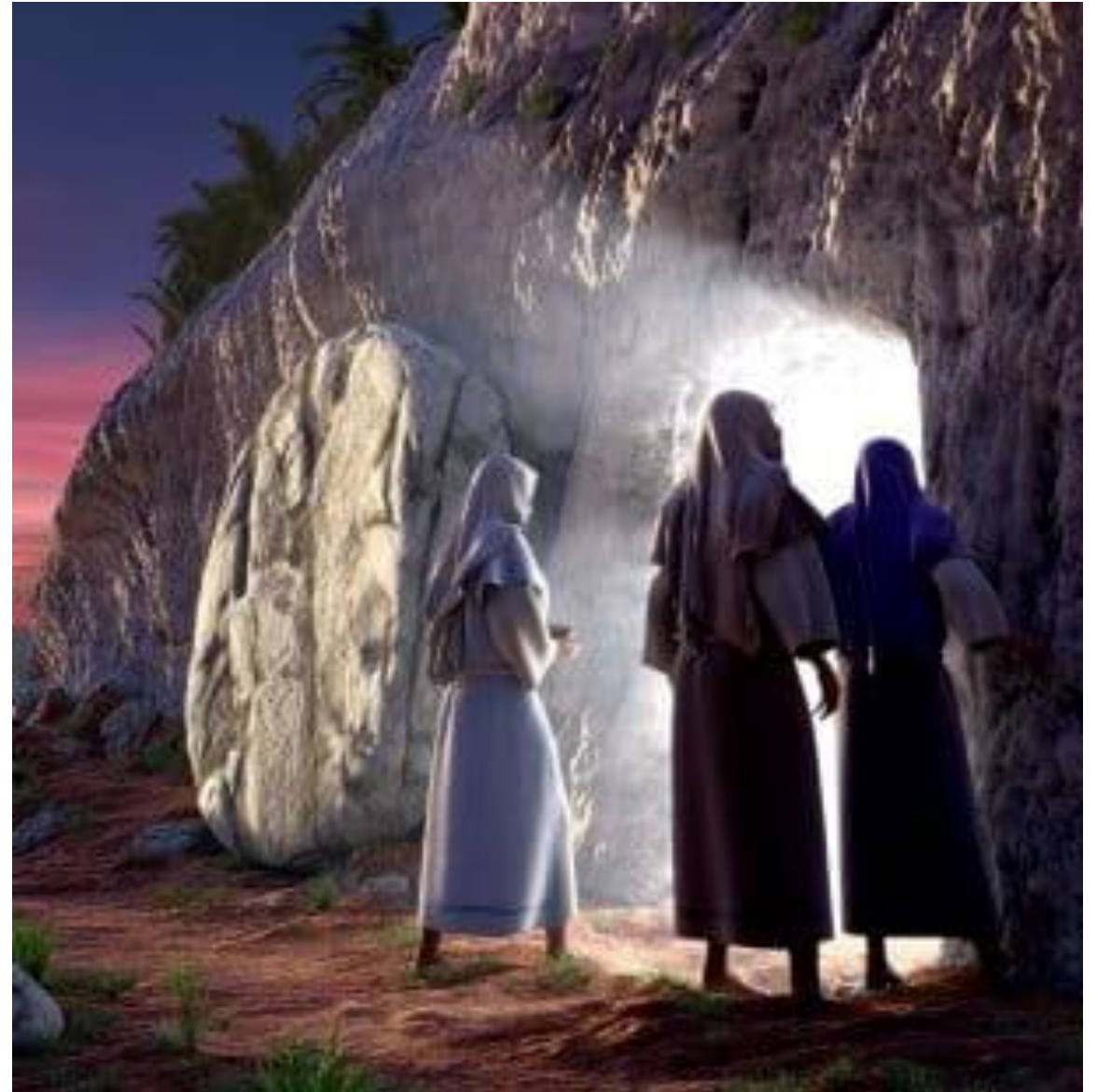
John 11

“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.”



John 11

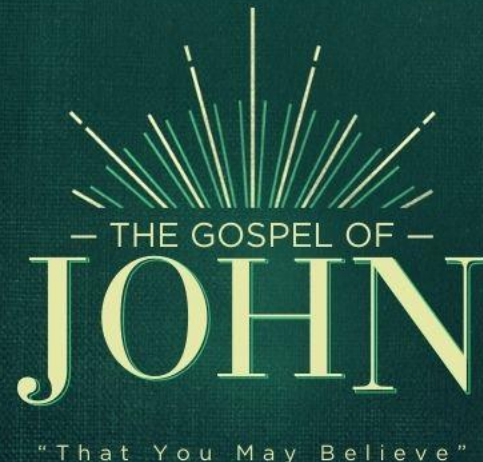
“Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, 46 but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. 47 So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. 48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” 49 But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. 50 Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” 51 He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, 52 and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. 53 So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.”



Question 1

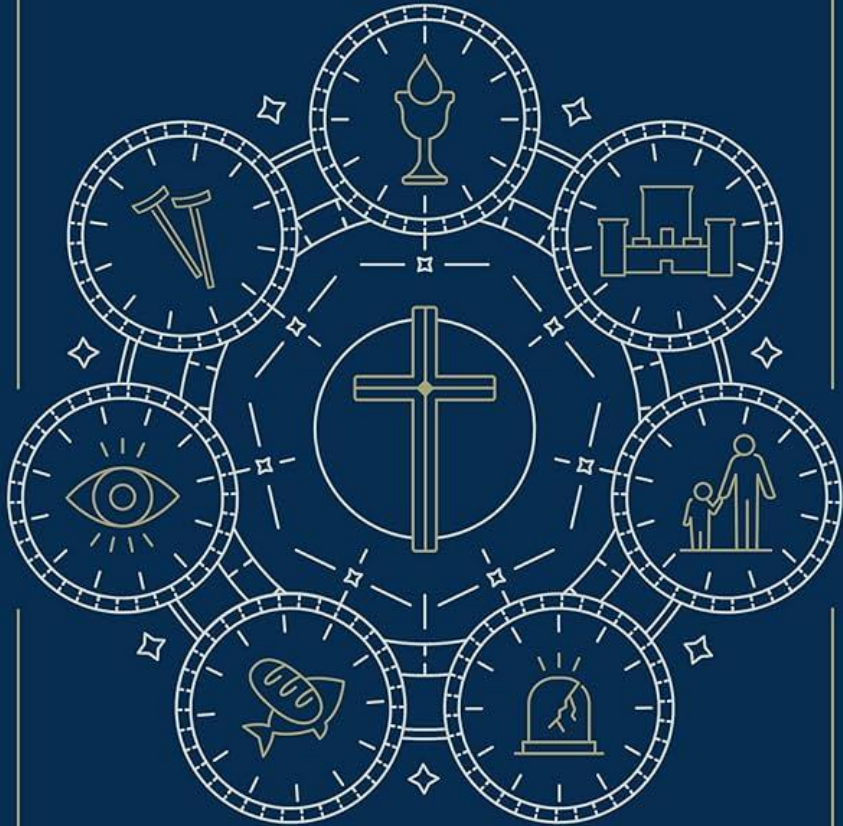
What family is introduced to us in John 11:1-3 and what problem has arisen?

Where else have we seen this family (Luke 10:38-42; Matthew 26:6-13)?



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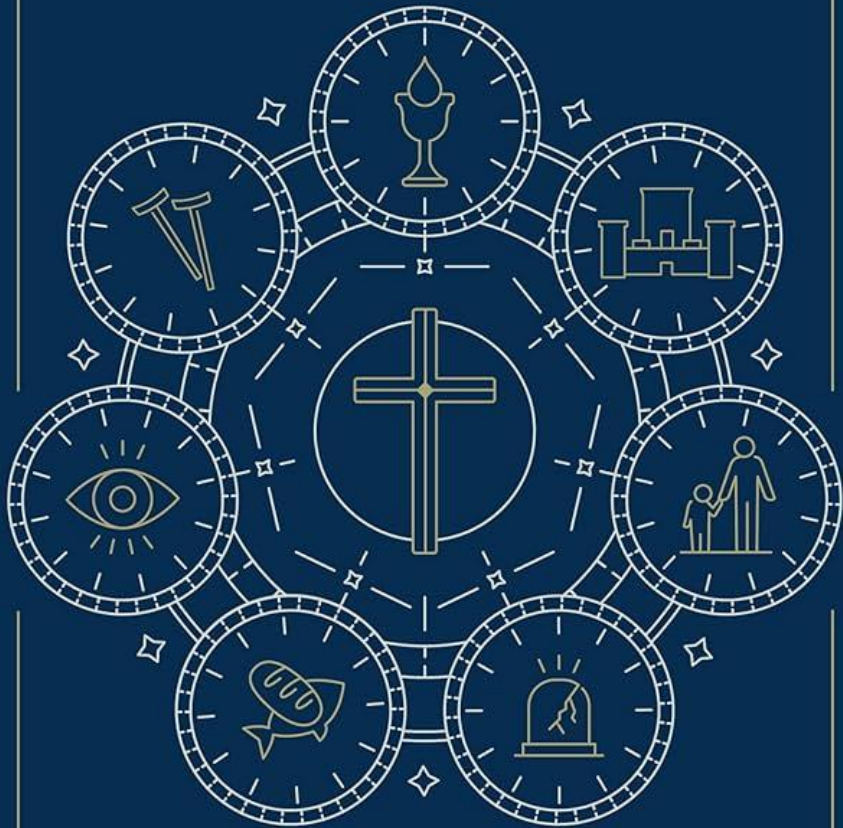
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Mary, Martha, and Lazarus

“While most of John’s readers would not have been familiar with Lazarus, many would have recognized Lazarus’ sisters, Mary and Martha, who were featured in Luke’s Gospel—the well-known story about Martha serving and Mary sitting at Jesus’ feet to learn from him (Luke 10:38-42)...The way John sets the stage for the story indicates that, this time, Lazarus, not his sisters, is the focal character in the narrative...” (Kostenberger, Andreas. *Signs of the Messiah*, p. 121-122).

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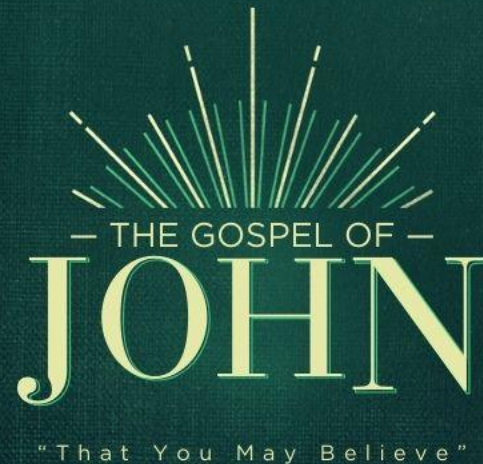
Mary, Martha, and Lazarus

“Then John does something rather striking and unusual. He continues, “It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill” (11:2)...How did John expect his readers to know about it? Most likely John assumed his readers were aware of the event from one of the earlier Gospels, which also record that the anointing took place in Bethany along with other consistent details (see Matt 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9). However, neither Matthew nor Mark identify the woman as Mary...John is helping his readers connect some dots that remain unconnected in the earlier Gospels...” (Kostenberger, Andreas. *Signs of the Messiah*, p. 122).

Question 2

How did Jesus feel about this family (John 11:5)?

Knowing this, why would He choose to wait two days before coming (John 11:4, 6-15)?



Question 3

What has happened to Lazarus because Jesus delayed His coming (John 11:17-20)?

How do both of the sisters feel about the absence of Jesus just prior to their brother's death (John 11:21-22, 28-32)?

Day 1: The messenger comes to Jesus (Lazarus dies)

Day 2: The messengers returns to Bethany.

Day 3: Jesus waits another day, then departs.

Day 4: Jesus arrives in Bethany.

THE FOURFOLD GOSPEL

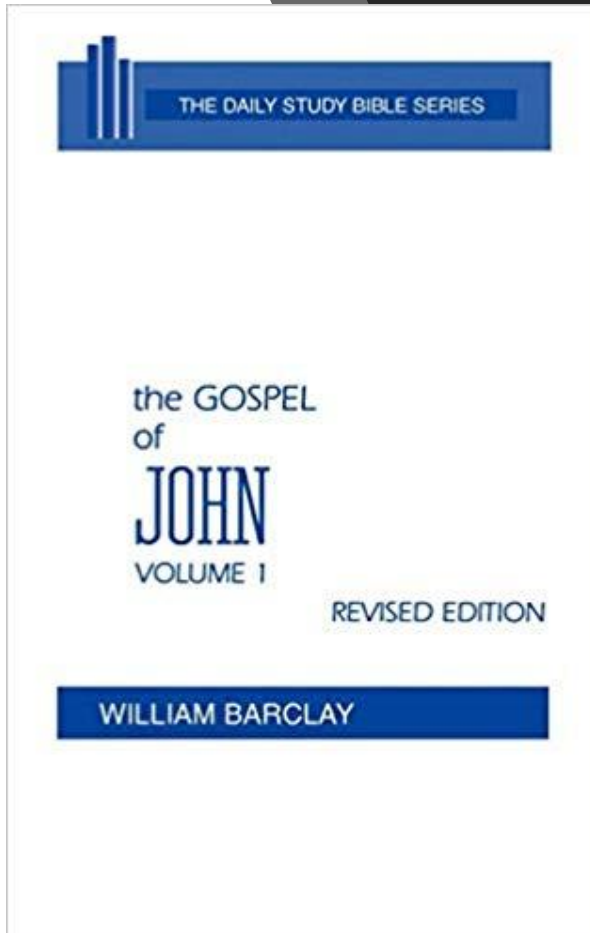
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The Lord's Love for Lazarus

“...In this passage [John 11:5, JRW] we have two Greek words for love. In verses 3 and 36 we have philein, which expresses natural affection such as a parent feels for a child. In this verse we have agapan, an affection resulting from moral choice, loftier and less impulsive. We are told of the Lord's love that we may understand that his delay was not due to indifference” (McGarvey, J.W., *The Fourfold Gospel*, p. 468).

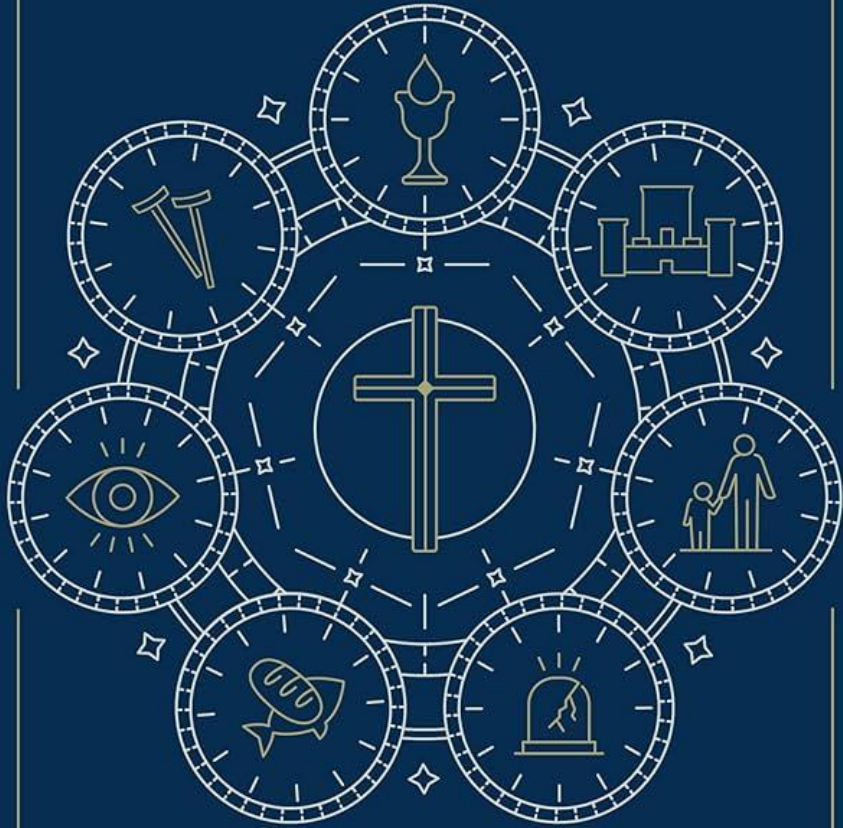
Why Did Jesus Delay?

“...John...always shows us Jesus taking action entirely on his own initiative and not on the persuasion of anyone else. In the story of the turning of the water into wine at Cana of Galilee (John 2:1-11) John shows us Mary coming to Jesus and telling him of the problem. Jesus’s first answer to Mary is: ‘Don’t bother about this. Let me handle it in my own way.’ He takes action, not because he is persuaded or compelled to do so, but entirely on his own initiative. When John tells the story of Jesus’s brothers trying to dare him to go into Jerusalem (John 7:1-10), he shows us Jesus at first refusing to go to Jerusalem and then going in his own good time. It is always John’s aim to show that Jesus did things, not because he was pressed to do them, but because he chose to do them in his own good time. That is what John is doing here” (Barclay, William. *The Daily Study Bible Series: The Gospel of John*, Vol. 2, p, 45).



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Jesus Delayed

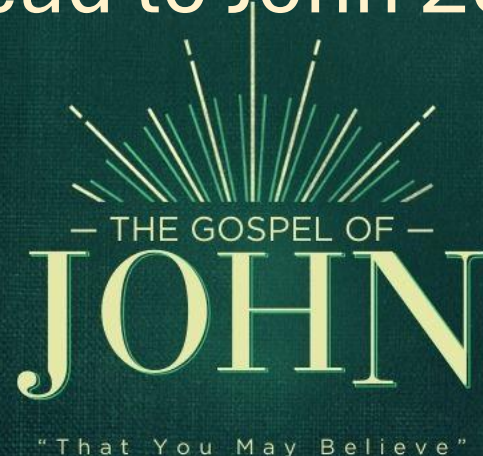
“...Jesus marches to a different drum and cannot be pressured to intervene until he determines that the time is right. This story is highly relevant to those who are awaiting an answer to prayer. When we’re experiencing a major illness or other emergency, we may feel perplexed that God is not hearing our desperate cry for help. Why is God delaying when our need is so acute? We don’t understand. And, yet, will we trust that God makes all things beautiful in his time? God is never late—even when it appears that he is...” (Kostenberger, Andreas. *Signs of the Messiah*, p. 124).

Question 4

When Jesus decides to come, who encourages the other disciples to go with Jesus (John 11:16)?

Is this disciple ready to die with Lazarus or die with Jesus (see John 11:8)?

Why is this particular disciple's comments especially interesting as we look ahead to John 20:24-29?

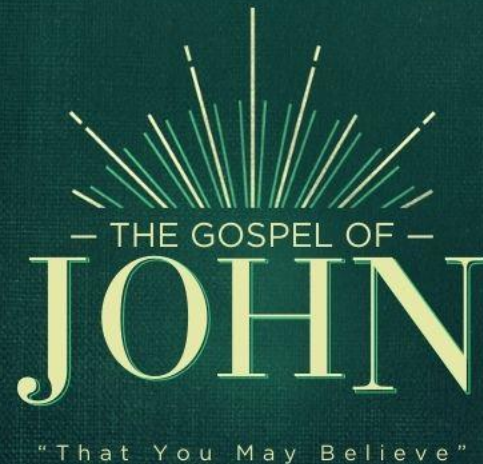


Question 5

What does Jesus promise Martha in John 11:23?

To what does she think Jesus is referring (11:24)?

What “I AM” statement does Jesus follow with (11:25)?



Seven "I AM" Statements in John's Gospel



I AM *the bread of life* (John 6:35, 48).



I AM *the light of the world* (8:12; 9:5).



I AM *the door* (10:7, 9).



I AM *the good shepherd* (10:11, 14).



I AM *the resurrection and the life* (11:25).



I AM *the way, the truth, and the life* (14:6).



I AM *the true vine* (15:1,5).

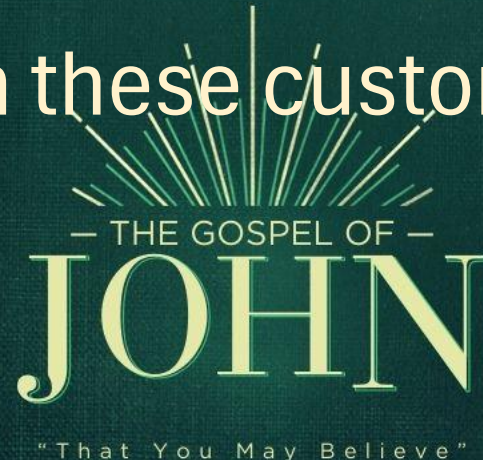
Question 6

What had some of the Jews done in response to the death of Lazarus (John 11:31)?

What were some of the Jewish customs of mourning (Numbers 20:29; Deuteronomy 34:8; 1 Samuel 25:1; Mark 5:38)?

How did Jesus respond to the death of his friend, Lazarus (John 11:33-36)?

What might we learn from these customs and actions (Romans 12:15)?



THE GOSPEL OF BELIEF

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An Analytic Study of the Text

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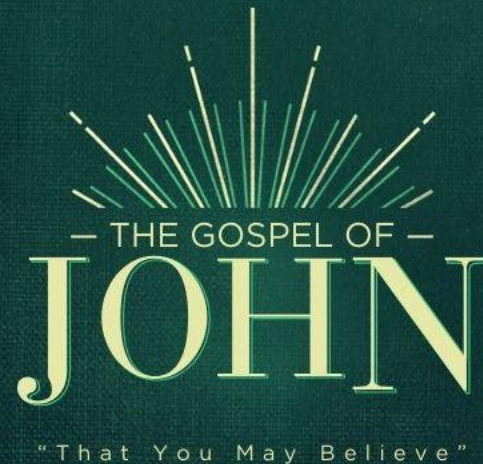
Jesus, Real Hope

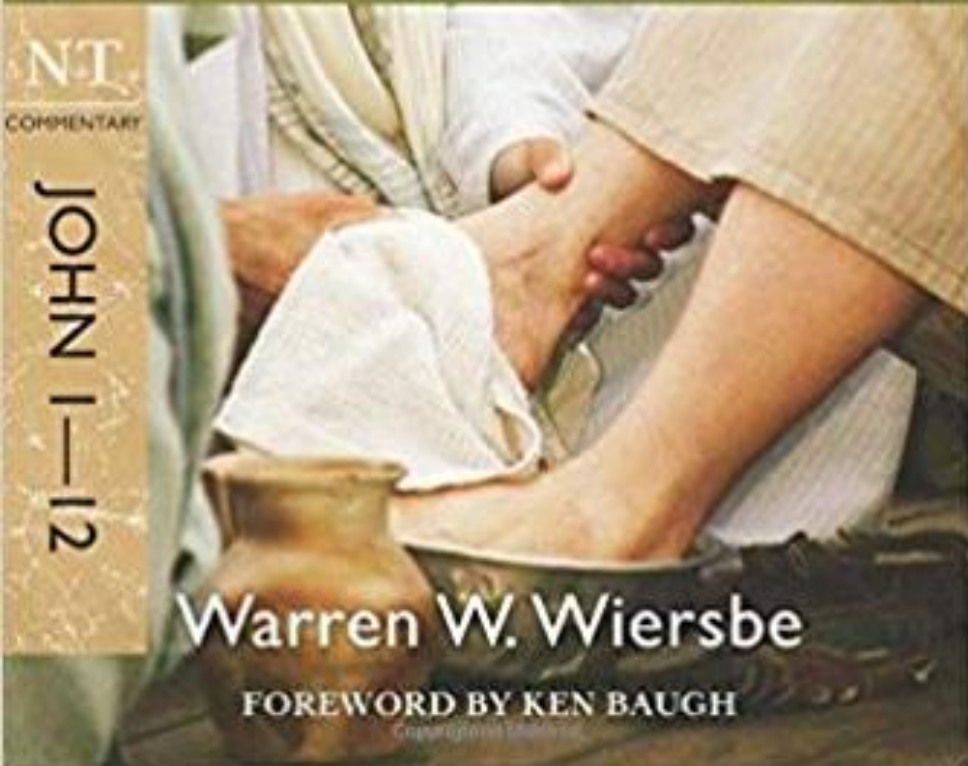
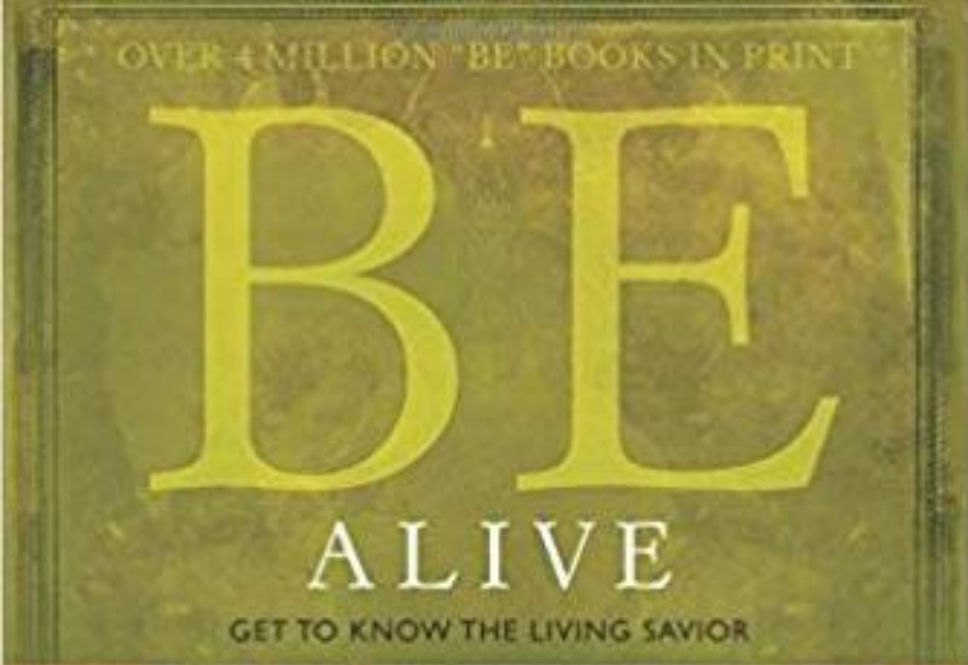
“The best that Judaism could proffer at this time was commiseration; it had no constructive suggestions. The inability to present any positive hope to the bereaved sisters was a confession that Judaism had no clear testimony to eternal life. Only Christ “brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (2 Timothy 1:10)” (Tenney, Merril. *The Gospel of Belief: John*, p. 174).

Question 7

What note of skepticism do some state in John 11:37?

In what way does Martha seem skeptical of the power of Jesus (John 11:38-39)?





The Power of Jesus

“...It is important to note that Jesus did not deny what Martha said about the future resurrection. The resurrection of the human body is a cardinal doctrine in the orthodox Jewish faith. But in His great “I am” statement, our Lord completely transformed the doctrine of the resurrection and, in so doing, brought great comfort to Martha’s heart...perhaps the greatest transformation Jesus performed was to move the doctrine of the resurrection out of the future and into the present. Martha was looking to the future, knowing that Lazarus would rise again and that she would see him. Her friends were looking to the past and saying, ‘He could have prevented Lazarus from dying’ (John 11:37)! But Jesus tried to center their attention on the present: Wherever He is, God’s resurrection power is available now (Romans 6:4; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 3:10)” (Wiersbe, Warren. *Be Alive*, p. 174-175).

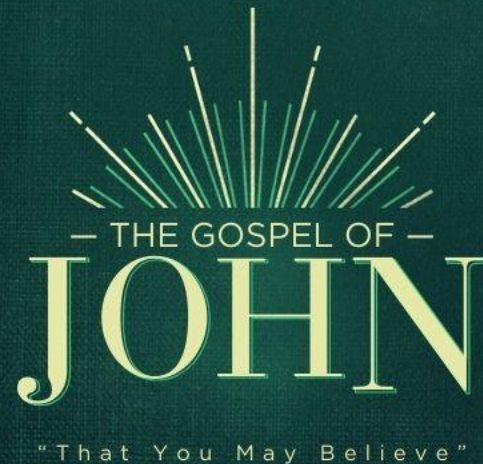
Question 8

What does Jesus do for dead Lazarus (John 11:43-44)?

What was the purpose of John's writing (John 20:30-31)?

What was the stated purpose of this miracle (John 11:26, 40, 42)?

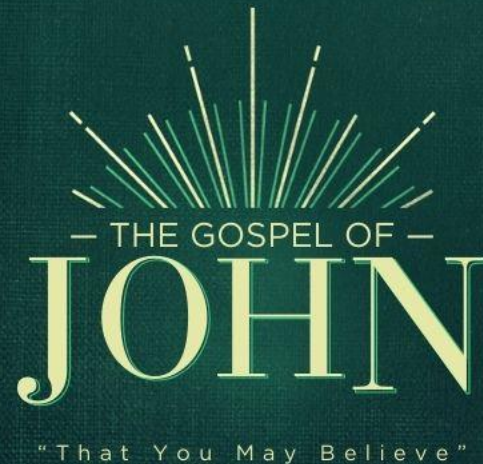
What was the effect (John 11:45)?



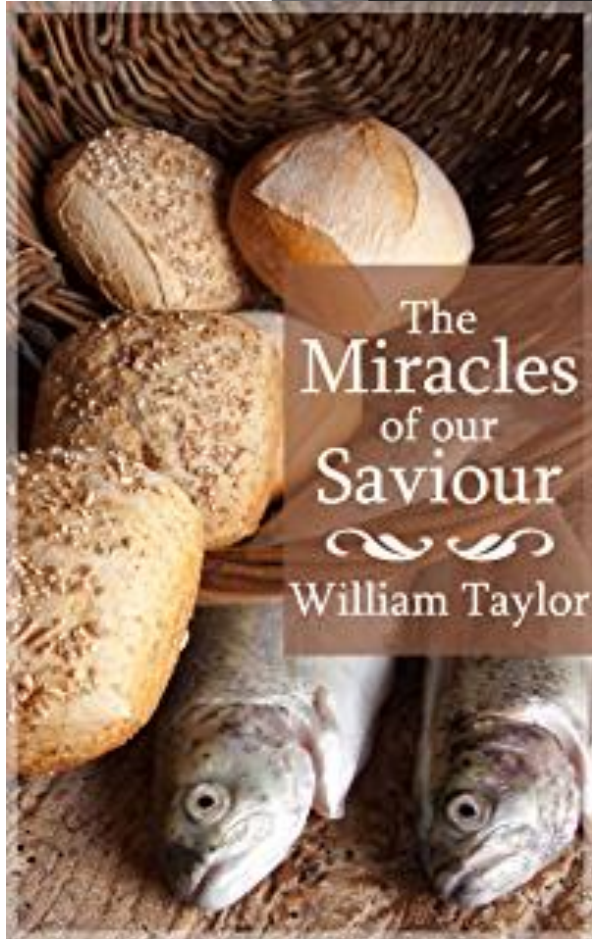
Question 9

How did the Pharisees respond to this miracle of Jesus (John 11:46-48, 55-57)?

Why?



The Response

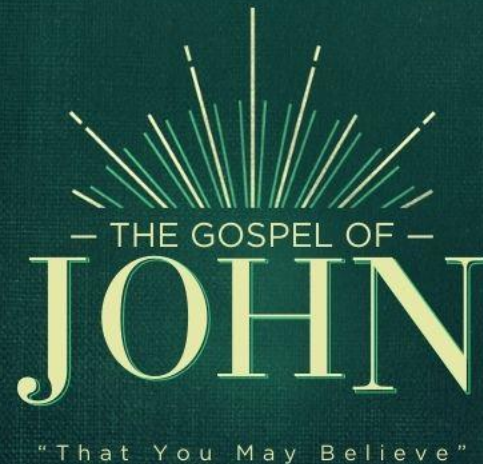


“..The Evangelist...leaves the simple narrative...while he goes on to tell of the effect produced upon the spectators. This, as on all similar occasions, differed with the differing pre-possession of each. Some, with no predetermined hostility to the Lord, believed on Him because of what they had seen; but others, who were before antagonistic to him, were made only more bitter in their opposition, and went and told the official Jews what they had seen—with the result that at a formal meeting of the Sanhedrin it was determined that they should put him to death. This they did, you observe, not because the miracle was false, but because they knew that it was true...” (Taylor, William. *The Miracles of Our Savior*, p. 355).

Question 10

Jesus wanted us to use the fact of the raising of Lazarus to learn something far greater about Him. According to John 11:25, what was it Jesus wants us to realize?

How can this be a powerful passage to read and study with those facing death?



Exposition of
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ARTHUR W. PI

Life in the Midst of Death

“The central thing in John 11 is Christ made known as the resurrection and the life, and everything in it only serves to bring out by way of contrast the blessedness of this revelation. Resurrection can be displayed only where death has come in, and what is so much emphasized here is the desolation which death brings and man’s helplessness in the presence of it...”

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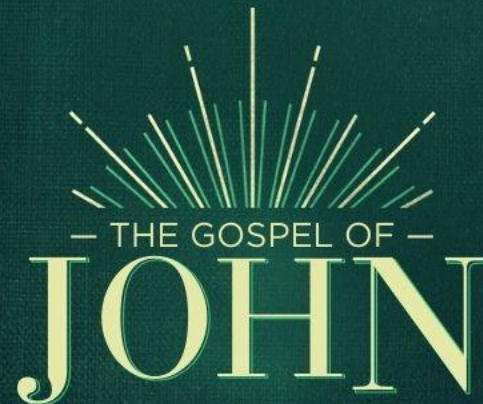
ARTHUR W. PINK

Life in the Midst of Death

“...First, Lazarus himself is dead; then Thomas speaks of the disciples accompanying the Lord to Bethany that they may die with Him (11:16); then Martha comes before us; and though in the presence of Christ, she could think only of the death of her brother (11:21); it was the same with Mary (11:32); finally, the Jews who had come to comfort the bereaved sisters are seen “weeping” (11:33), and even as the Lord stands before the grave, they have no thought that He was about to release the tomb’s victim (11:37). What a background was all this for Christ to display His wondrous glory!” (Pink, Arthur W. *Exposition of the Gospel of John*, p. 170-171).

Next week:

Lesson 8: *“They Did Not Believe in Him”—Why Unbelief (John 12)*



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