



John 10 – after "Gate & Good Shepherd"
After "Father in Me, I in Him"

John 10:40 Jesus went across Jordan Where John had been baptizing ...

10:42 "many believed in Jesus."

John 11 ... Mary & Martha send word to Jesus on Lazarus

**COME Quick ...** 

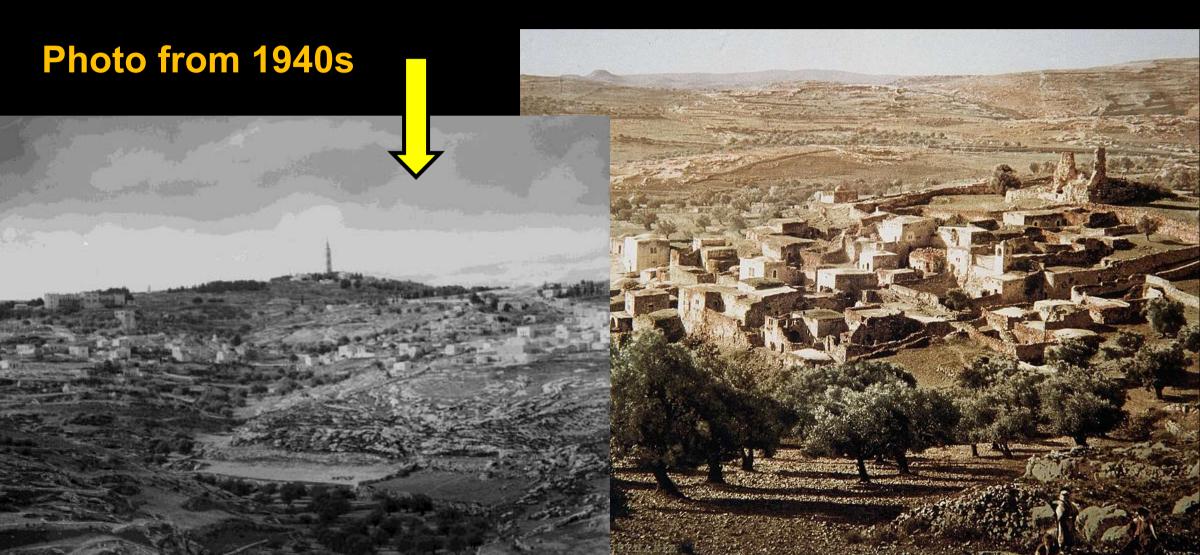
Jesus dallies around ...
then heads back to Bethany



# Mount of Olives TODAY . . . as viewed from the Temple Mount Bethany is just over this ... less than 2 miles farther EAST



Bethany, or Al-Eizariya, photo by Félix Bonfils, c. 1890 Al-Eizariya = "Place of Lazarus" ... *Lazarus* = "God will help"



John 11:1 – Now a man named Lazarus

was SICK – we know, unto DEATH

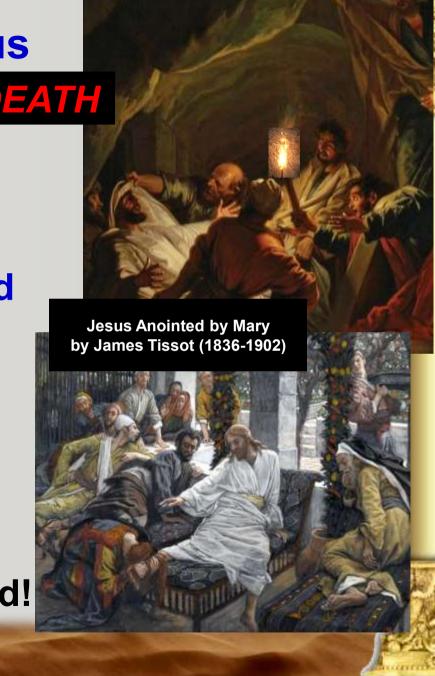
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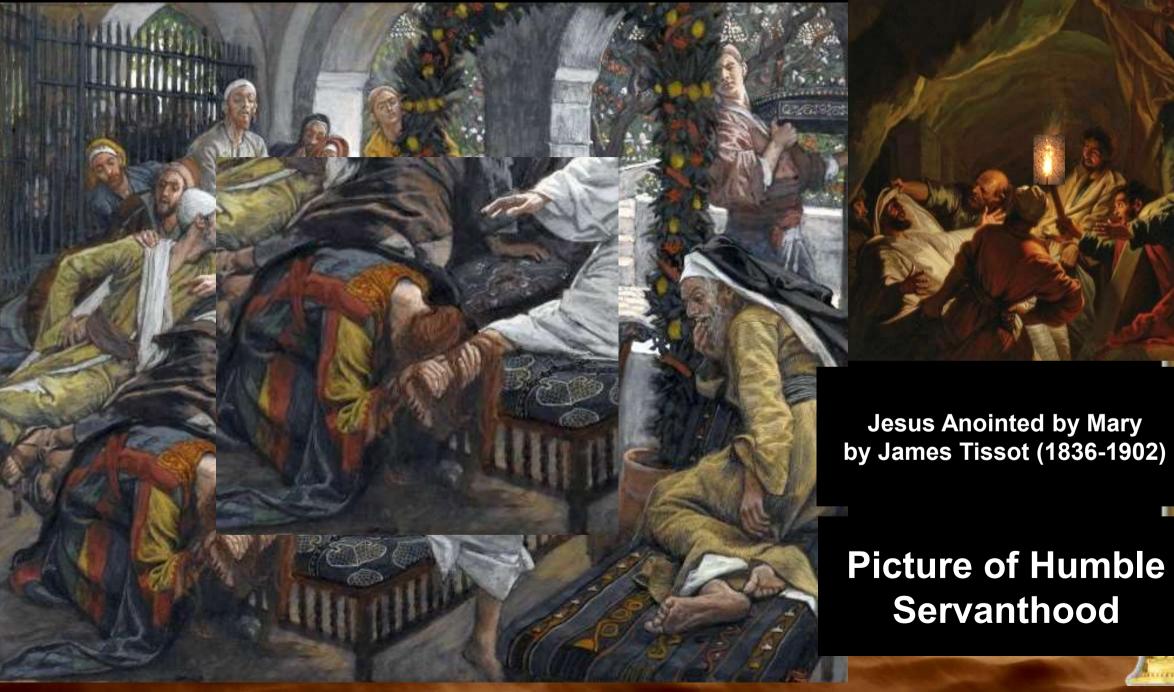
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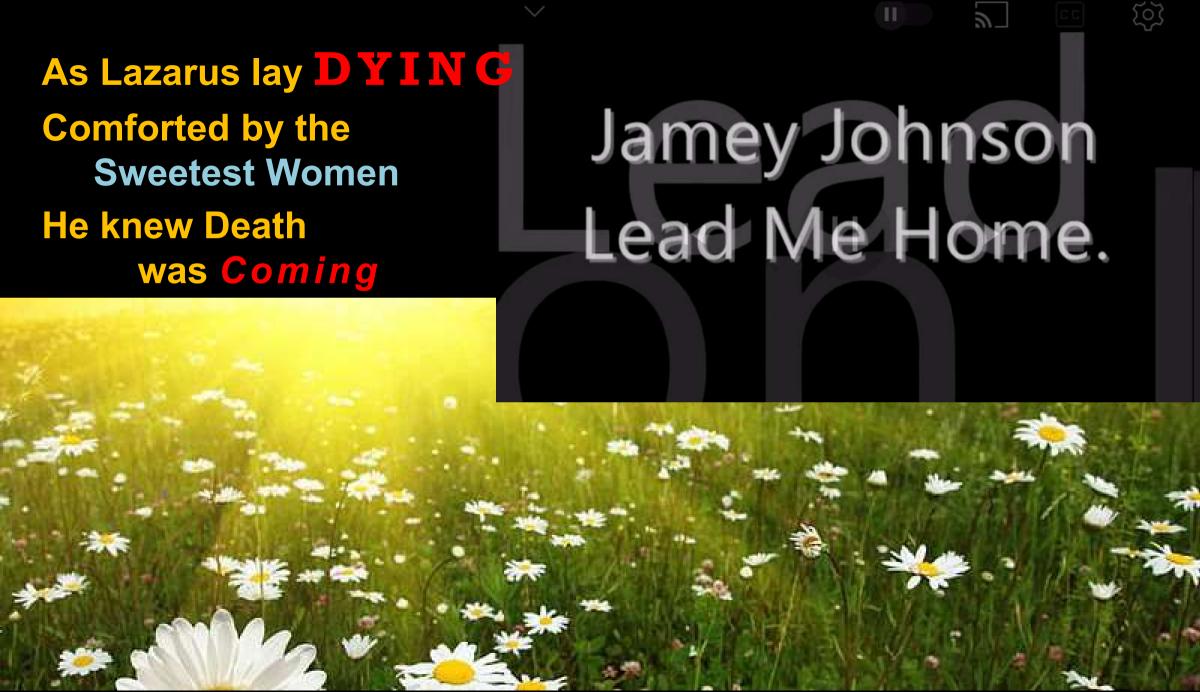
2 This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord & wiped his feet with her hair.

3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you LOVE is sick."

Large social history in 3 VERSES FEW in our live where that's all needs said!







John 11:3 "Lord, the one you LOVE is sick."

- 4 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."
- 5 Jesus LOVED Martha, her sister & Lazarus
- 6 So when he heard Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was TWO more days,
- 7 THEN he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

Imagine if you will ... LAZARUS laying sick ...

Cared by SEVERAL who LOVE him – Mary & Martha Leading



Lazarus is—literally—on his **DEATH BED**What's going thru his Mind & Heart
You realize ... they did NOT have the Gospels
Just 500 years of Jewish Tradition

What does that mean? ...

Pharisees believed in a resurrection, Sadducees did NOT

**NO DEFINITIVE VIEW OF Heaven or Afterlife** 

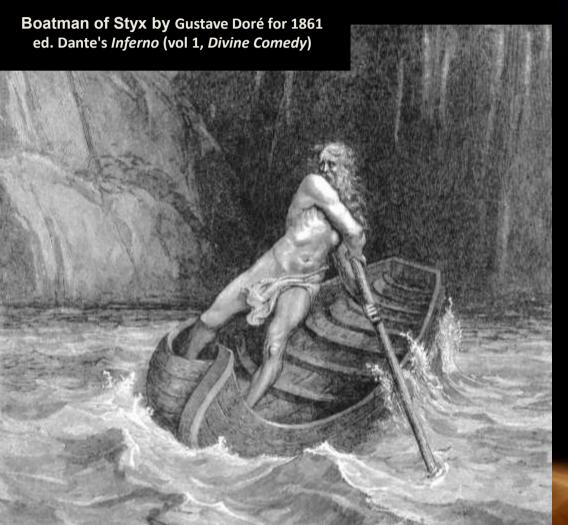
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So Lazarus is torn between Jews who want to KILL Jesus

Greek/Roman ... River Styx ... Underworld River of the Dead



Perhaps, he struggled w Greek Underworld
Gave Mary & Martha COIN for the Boatman ...
Just in case the Jewish KILLERS were WRONG!!





- ✓ Hard to know ALL the Fears
- All the Supersititions
- Oh, YES ... a 1,000x over

Jesus was The LIGHT

John 11:8 "But Rabbi," disciples said,
"Short while ago Jews tried to STONE you!

WHAT? ... You are going back?"

9 Jesus answered, "Are there not Twelve hours of Daylight? Anyone who walks in the Daytime will NOT stumble, for they see by this world's LIGHT.

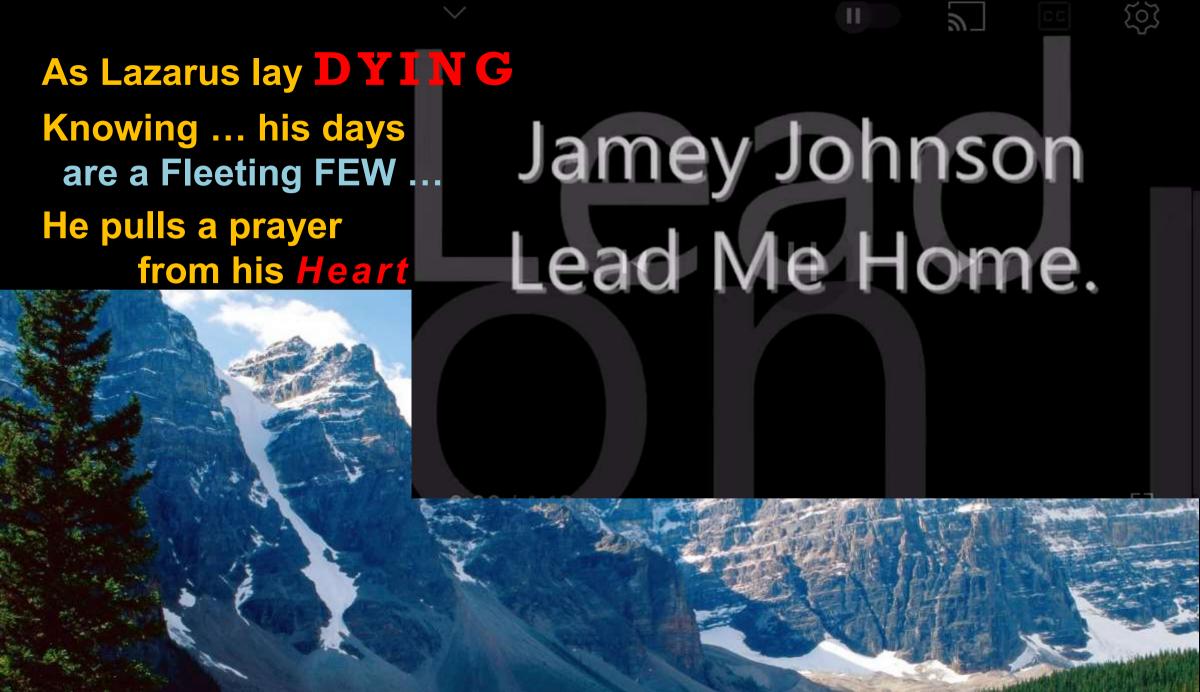


10 It is when a person walks at NIGHT that they stumble,

for they have NO LIGHT."

<u>Light – Night – Dark – SEE in LIGHT</u>

Jesus is The Light ... and he is going to RAISE Lazarus



John 11:11 After this, Jesus ...

went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus
has fallen asleep; but
lam going there to wake him up."

We think what the disciples say is FUNNY

12 His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps,
he will get better

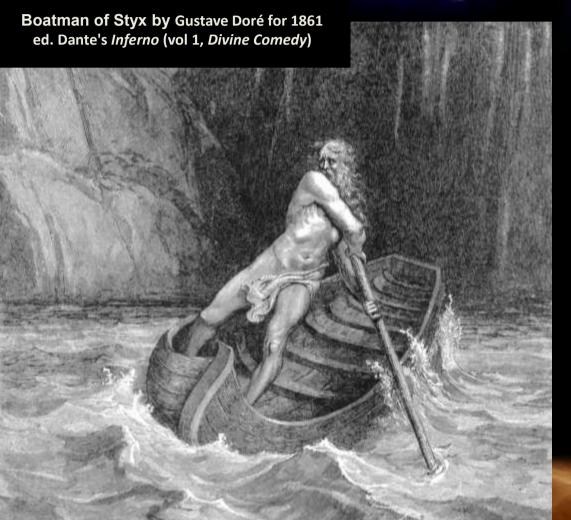


**Apostle John INTERPRETS for us** 

13 Jesus had been speaking of Lazarus' DEATH, but his disciples thought he meant natural SLEEP.

What's going through Lazarus' MIND & HEART?

Quite possible ... even likely ... the OLD world tugged FEARS ... Old Beliefs of the Roman RULERS
That River Stvx ... the Underworld ...





- ✓ What LURKS beneath the Earth
- ✓ Where do SOULS go after Death
- ✓ Where was Jesus, The Healer Oh, YES ... a 1,000x over

Jesus was The LIGHT

### John 11:14 Jesus told them plainly Lazarus is DEAD!

15 For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe.
But let us go to him.

16 Thomas ... said to the rest of the disciples "Let us also go, that we may DIE with him."

What a great Friend Lazarus ... precious, endearing words

How wonderful to have such friends as those
I know of NO ONE that would say such for ME ... NONE
I do not expect such, ask such ... but I sure do like THOMAS

- John 11:17 On his arrival,
  Jesus found that Lazarus had already
  been in the TOMB for FOUR days.
- 18-19 Bethany < 2 miles from Jerusalem many Jews had come to Martha & Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.
- 20 Martha goes to Jesus ... Mary ... home.
- 21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died.
- 22 But I know that even now God will give you

whatever you ask

John 11:23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

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

25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection & the LIFE



The one who believes in me will LIVE, even though they DIE

If only Lazarus had known this ...

If only Mary & Martha had known this ...

If only WE truly believed in this ... there's a COMFORT

John 11:26 whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

27-31 Martha & Mary ... Jesus outside town Jews comforting Mary ...

32 ... Mary "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

33-34 When Jesus saw her weeping ... Jews also weeping ...

Where have you laid him?

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

35 Jesus wept. Jesus Wept



**Profoundest** Words in the **BIBLE** 





John 11:36 The JEWS said: "See how Jesus LOVED him!"

37 But some of them said,
"Could not he who opened the
eyes of the blind man
have kept this man from dying?"

38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb.... cave with a stone laid across the entrance.

39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone"

Where was LAZARUS? .... Remember Thief on the Cross Jesus had NOT risen from the grave ... NOT YET We Know Elijah Rode a Chariot ... Enoch taken up ...



Lazarus' BODY lay DEAD

Did Lazarus SEE the STONE SEE Jesus approach

Lazarus believes in Jesus But who IS Jesus?

In the land of the **DEAD** looking onward

- ✓ NO Resurrection YET
- ✓ NO Gift of Spirit YET
- ✓ NO Jesus with him

See Sweet Mary & Martha Crying - Hoping



DEAD Lazarus has **FAITH**NOT a Resurrection Faith

John 11:39 "But, Lord," said Martha "by this time there is a bad ODOR, for he has been there FOUR days."

40 Then Jesus said,
"Did I not tell you that if you believe,
you will see the glory of God?"

41-42 So they took away the stone.

Then Jesus LOOKED UP and said,

"Father, I thank you that you have heard me.

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."



John 11:43 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 & let him go."

45-57 Jews conspire, conspire ... to KILL Jesus

Lazarus ... risen from the GRAVE ... what was he thinking?



Lazarus ... ALIVE again In the Land of the Living **Hugs Mary & Martha** 

Lazarus—whatever the JEWS Lead me Home believed—his own Heritage

#### Lazarus NOW BELIEVES

- **✓ NOW** Knows the TRUTH
- **✓ NOW** Knows Death & LIFE
- ✓ NOW Knows Jesus

I imagine Lazarus was WEAK so much is missing ...

Perhaps Lazarus' First words ...

## Take my hand, LORD,

