

# *Instruction*

*Instructions as revealed to me by God from  
15 August, 2000 to the present.*

Greetings,

My name is John and I was awakened in the night to a call from God  
He spoke and said "Go to my Word". I did and received ;

**1 Kings 22:13\*** And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah  
spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets  
declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee,  
be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good.

**14\*** And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto  
me, that will I speak.

This is offered to God for you in this call, Be blessed and receive. God  
is alive and Jesus Loves you Allow the power of the Holy Spirit to  
guide your heart.

Revealed to me by God  
15 - 23 August 2000

The following was given me by the Lord in a revelation to write down for the purpose to help the Church. To those who see, I praise God for them. For those who can not I pray their eyes open in Jesus name.

Test it, take it to the Word, verify every sentence. I love the Lord God with all my heart and attempt to write down what He gives me in its true form, as it is revealed. Often I read it over and over and learn more and more of its revelation. I am a simple person who does not always understand what it is He reveals. I do however write it down. What follows was given to me in a revelation on 20 through 23 August 2000. Read it closely notice the subtleties and then look at it as a whole. I know you will be amazed as I am at God's perfect Word.

## Revealed By God 22 August 2000

I feel a need for a fresh revival New Time, New ways!

Stop being offended, get over it.  
Jesus is the Creator not you.

The more offence someone offers you the closer you should pull. Calling on the healing power of Christ to first fix YOU and then provide a touch for you to be able to reach the "offender".

We talk of witness, we talk of numbers of exposures. I suggest to you that one touch of a Christian who is not offended by rejection and prays to Jesus for guidance at the moment of offence has sufficient means to bring in that harvest. The power of Christ is continuous on us, it is not eked out in dribs and drips.

We the offended must tap into that Living Water to overcome offence.

Druggies, prostitutes, abortionists, murderers, rapists all can be overcome by Christ

Co-workers, poor drivers, cell phone users, line cutters, smarty folks.

You have no right to take offence!

Even I can't exercise such truth except I allow Christ be my Master and I rely upon HIS understanding and not my polluted ideas. I fail at this continually. It is so easy to shut the Spirit and allow your flesh the pleasure of anger. To your flesh anger is fun. First you judge. Then you transfer the vengeance. Both tasks which Belong ONLY TO GOD. Your flesh enjoys those things that you steal from God. It is such an easy mistake to make and justify.

Did you see that guy...  
Did you hear what she...  
It was him/her they...

Satan feeds at these moment. He steals your joy and gives you offence.

The Spirit knows of no offence, God is merciful to ALL in equal measure.

You don't understand that...?  
That doesn't swallow easy...?  
That is OK

God does not require your understanding.  
You require His.

He provides the instruction, via His Word.

The example in action, in Christ.

The means to understand, in the Spirit.

The power to put it in place, from HIM, the Great I Am!

So Go read his word, pray for understanding, accept his power, and when you falter, praise Him for his Grace which saves your very soul.

He loves you complete and wants you to succeed.

Amen  
Thank you Lord.

## **Revealed to me by God 21 August, 2000**

God Spoke to me in prayer

Drip Drip Drip  
What love do you measure out?

Drip Drip Drip  
A whimper that should be a shout.

Drip Drip Drip  
Can you hear the King is coming?

Drip Drip Drip  
Start your waters running.

Fire  
Hot burns twists turns  
Kills the mortal man.

For where the mortal man will fail,  
His Spirit will prevail!

A cry loud and long  
The mighty trumpet sounds  
Come, Come be free!

Come, Come worship me!  
I am your God strong and true!  
The others have come now I come for you!  
Stand be counted, I command to you!  
Cry loud and long.

To me be true!  
And He was done  
Praise Jesus!

## **Revealed to me by God 21 August, 2000**

Whispers in the night.  
Darkness is your plight.  
The light of our Lord hidden.  
He reaches through, in touching you,  
seeks only your compassion.  
Turn on your light, make SELF be right,  
do not stop at errors of others.  
To Him you cry,  
El Shaddia  
or else your life is through.  
Amen

Can you feel the thunder?  
Can you feel his rage?  
Can you tremble at his footsteps?  
Do you hear his fire raise?  
Look into who you are, stop searching away far.  
Focus only on your soul, hear your spirit's toll.  
Walk as He put forth.  
Walk or you are lost.  
Amen

To what end are we saved?  
Is it to our rescue from hell?  
Is it to improve our lives here on earth?  
Is it so we are better husbands/wives/daughters/sons?  
Is it so we are at peace?

All of these sound pretty but none are completely true.  
The end to which you are saved is to Glorify God  
You are an instrument of worship, a tool to magnify God.  
Do not prop someone up.  
Don't say to yourself; I want to be a Christian like "Whomever".

It is a terrible sin  
Why?

First you have taken your eyes off God to look at “Whomever” and risk a fall of great pain.

Exodus 34:14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

Deuteronomy 13:3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

1 Samuel 12:24 Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things He hath done for you.

Second;

For a moment you placed “Whomever” in jeopardy of sin. The sin of vanity and Ego and for an instant They heard you instead of Jesus

The trap was laid for both of you.

My advice is Keep your eyes on the Cross allow everyone’s ears to hear only His Praise and Word.

## **Revealed to me by God 21 August, 2000**

The peace of our joining together of love between us and our God is something we can do and share every moment of every day.

Who is it that says it ever has to end. Why do we feel that we cannot pray continually. Are we afraid that something would happen while we were praying?

Would we wreck that car or stop our work or neglect our children?

Does God not give us the ability to pray as we walk in our path?

Have you ever been faced with the urge to pray yet did not because of some pressing business or that phone call coming?

I have learned in my usual slow-witted way that Jesus makes time for prayer.

I feel the need, his call on my soul and spirit to pray and I force my flesh aside to answer the call. I have learned that God freezes time around your prayer call. He sets aside time to answer his call for praise, ministry, and worship. Deep in your

heart you know your masters voice, the voice of your Shepherd. Heed his call brother and sisters for there is time sufficient for answer to his call for you to pray. Set aside for a worship call on his will. He will provide time for his call. Just as he provisions all things in your life when you are in his will he will provision time for your answer to his call for prayer.

I work on aircraft computers that normally would be a time-consuming complex repair (they do not come to us in good working order as it is my job to fix them) and had Jesus call me to prayer. Jesus' hand has then moved on the surface of that computer and they complete the test run with no failures requiring none of my attention at all, and run for three hours. All time that now, because of his intervention and provision, I have to give him for prayer. He will do that to two units, one after the other and that gives me six hours for him. These units usually require non stop attention.

He will provide that provision.

Answer his call to prayer and he will honor the obedience and submission to his will in Covenant with him. Jesus is not playing Church or God He requires your worship and when he calls, answer in faith. He will provide.

Hear him calling?  
Feel him moving?  
Want some Joy?  
Need a faith boost?  
Step out of your box and answer his call.

Now is the time no excuse, move to his song and he will place Joy in your heart, no way out just pure love.

Happiness in his worship is where you are, do not hesitate and miss the great grace that he will provide you. Now is the time to act. Go for it!

**HE WILL MAKE PROVISION.**

Jesus Pure Truth  
Peace to all of you whom I love in Jesus' name  
Amen  
John  
Instruction

Open, Free, Love, Me  
all these things I pray.

Open... to hear his word.  
Free... from the world.  
Love... enough to do it.

Me... in his service

The simple place of love  
no haste it is warm free and complete.

All things surrendered and not picked up again are  
to him given and washed clean of sin.

Lay in his arms rest a while for there is peace in  
Lord Jesus.

Open your heart.  
Fill up your soul.  
Drink in his love complete.

There is work to be done, so rest now my son.  
Forget not his place of rest. It is always here and always yours  
he never fails to care.

As you work and walk in his will come rest once in a while  
and let him refill the love in your heart, the Joy in your Soul,  
the Peace in your mind. He will heal you inside.

Come rest a while It is OK my friend, Jesus loves you forever  
without end.

Amen

## **Revealed to me by God December 20, 2000**

Peace be with you brothers and sisters,

**I was praying to God's mercy for all of us and the Lord said:**

What do you think is the answer to the dilemma you face?

To what King will you turn?

To which Altar will you go?

Man or Mine?

In mans altar is disease, death, false security.

In mine is love and everlasting peace.

From your father's, father I have promised you plenty if you would only seek my  
way and search my face.

I have offered you a covering.

Wait not before action, submit yourself to the project at hand.

Through my will you will accomplish the task I have set before you.

I hear you say you doubt as to the level of what I will do through you. Doubt no more.

Think yourself wiser than me?

Project the strength I have given you, do not feign from your set path that I have lit.

Your spirit grows weak by inaction, pursue those things set before you.

You pray the prayer of emptiness unless you act on my instruction.

How many have not gone forth?

They are yet asleep and there is yet no time for rest.

How many have I called? They too are asleep.

Rise, shine forth, lest I move on and give the task to another.

What sadness to have the task I chose you for given to another while you slept?

Sleep not only move in my will, I am your God.

Until now you have chosen well to bring yourself to this place. The place where I can use you in your task. Chose me yet again do not fail.

The purpose and reason by which you arrived here now is the intent of my will to move you yet further.

Stop not, lest the journey be for naught but your own salvation.

A sad comment on your sleeping soul.

What fear you if I call?

Failure is not of me, in my will only triumph steeped in the humility and soberness of my call to you.

Can anything pervert my will?

I have chosen each of you for a purpose.

You are indeed chosen and counted ready if I called.

Sin no more, come!

I am your God sleep not.

## **It was done**

Praise you almighty God King of all heaven and earth. Forever we will praise your Holy name oh King. Thank you Lord for your constant mercy on us all.

AMEN

## **Revealed to me by God 22 August, 2000**

### **Discourse with My King**

Father God I come to you now in prayer please here me Lord

Man

Coming before our King

Trash revealed

Why are the words so hard Lord? - I ask

The truth is freedom - His answer

Do we rail at them? - I ask

No, the truth convicts hearts in full  
Allow my Spirit to move - His Answer

What must we know Lord? - I ask

Jesus, the only way - His answer

What message must I carry Lord? - I ask

The Fire of My Power  
The Promise of Justice, fast furious  
The Equity of My Truth for all lost and saved - His answer

Who should I tell? - I ask

Anyone you see - His answer

What if they feel condemned by the Word? - I ask

Tell them to know Me - His answer

He spoke again

Captives do not feel their burden complete  
until they are no longer slaves and then they weep  
for the weight lifted by me in truth

For a time look within, cover yourself in my sacrifice  
then reach out

Why must your message In me be so hard? - I ask

I have others to hold and comfort  
you must speak the truth to  
those comfortable in my church  
Do not fear  
Many will be like you  
The others will begin to understand  
Be Bold bring the others with you - His answer

I love you Lord, you are my King. Forever flow in me please  
Jesus, Jesus, Power and Glory, Peace, Power in your Words

Life in your sacrifice  
Power and Glory to you in Gods will and in Jesus name  
Holy Spirit Fire fall down upon us!!

AMEN  
Instruction

The power of God has no equal. It shares no relation to the feeble pleasures of man but shines forth like a beam of pure truth, as a light to the poor weak minds of man. Hoping in the heart of the Creator's love and mercy that we will at once open our eyes and see.

Jesus wept.

Jesus Pure Truth  
Amen  
John

## **Revealed by God 22 August, 2000**

Is life worth Living?

To kill yourself all would end... no more struggle.

Does this seem right to you?

Too much pain, oh no not again... I will end my life.

Does this seem right to you?

No one who loves me, no one who cares if i disappear...  
no one will cry.

Does this seem right to you?

I am alone no one knows what I face or the horrors  
I've known...I will die alone

Does this seem right to you?

Despair, loneliness, complete pain, ignored by the ones you love.

Do you feel alone?

Let me tell you a name that will help you decide...

JESUS

Does that seem hollow and full of garbage to you right now?

LISTEN FURTHER

Jesus blessed many without care for himself. He walked with sinners. He gave Joy and hope to all around him. Yet they HATED HIM.

When he cried out for love...

they HATED and IGNORED him.

As he carried the thorns. blood in his eyes. The pain of the leather lashes, stripes on his back. Pain all through him, yet he wondered if all of it was done.

Yet they HATED him and they IGNORED him.

HE WAS ALONE...

All alone, no one to take up his cause, he laid his back on the cold merciless wood of the cross knowing full well what would come next.

Yet they HATED him and they IGNORED him.

HE WAS ALONE...

Alone looking up, on his back on the cross, blood in his eyes. Did he gaze to the right as the hammer struck the spike through his flesh, bonding his flesh to the wood as one. Searing pain burning him through. Did he have time to wonder why? Did he ask himself "Did I not love them?"

Again the hammer struck horror blind in pain and terror the faces of those around him looking on him with HATE and he was completely ALONE.

Again the hammer struck, his bondage complete wood bound to metal so hung his flesh. Completely alone and without anyone to help him. No peace, no hope of rest.

Yet they HATED him and they TAUNTED him.

HE WAS ALONE...

Can you imagine this?  
Maybe you can, maybe you are in a same place.

Finally a Mocking laughter as they posted the placard  
"King of the Jews".

How alone did he feel? He felt alone to the point of shouting  
"Father why hast thou forsaken me?"

Forgotten by God, what a terrible fate.

Do you know why he suffered this fate?

Do you feel hated?  
So did he.

Do you feel Alone?  
So did he.

Do you feel real pain?  
So did he.

Do you feel despair?  
So did he.

So what's the difference you ask? After all he died, right.  
So maybe I should die too.

Think, if you die now who do you die for? Who will you hurt?  
What is the reward?

Jesus died and suffered for one reason alone...

**BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU!!**  
He felt PAIN, ANGUISH, DESPAIR and HATRED for you.  
He loved you so much he gave his life for you, so you may live.  
Not so you could die of the same things, but because he set you free of them.

Just ask him, ask him now. To ask is easy and what have you to lose?  
No special requirements, no special speeches, just ask. He loves you.  
Just ask him to help you, to hold you, to take you in his arms. Then be still.

Be still and let him work. Be still and feel him all around you.

Still sound like garbage, or a nice story? I dare you now in Jesus name

so Glory can come to him through you to "Just ask him"

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

He died for you  
Do not waste his pain.  
He weeps for you as he walks with you on this earth.  
He hears the despair in your Soul.  
He sees the horrors done to you.  
He sees the darkness around you.  
He can help.

Jesus help me.  
Jesus please help me.  
I am lost and I need your help.  
In Jesus' Holy name Help me.

I command you in Jesus name now, Be still and accept his love.

Amen

## **Revealed to me by God 22 August, 2000**

Pretense in Fire to what end?  
Is it a show to you or does it melt your soul?

Do you fear the unknown?  
Does the fire cancel out your heart?  
Or do you apply your own understanding to it?

Are you afraid? Does it shake your face to the world to find it true?  
Jesus in Love, Jesus in you, outward the Fire of the Spirit.

What if not you, what do you lack are you unable?  
No. No boundaries applied only the Mercy and Grace of Jesus.  
It is yours only receive.

The irrational then becomes the rational.

To the Lord God my Father in Heaven an open letter and declaration.

Father it's me again your son John. Still getting used to our new relationship.  
Thank you for opening up my eyes with your love. Thanks for not crushing me  
when I fail in your will. Thank you Lord for the knowledge that I am yours and you  
are in my. I fear you Father in many ways yet I know you would do me no harm.

The fear stems from my own self-doubt and the lies of the devil placed in my head by that old snake.

I hate him God I hate the devil with all I am. He steals the lives of young children and crushes people every day. He lies to them with sweet sounds and deceives them and me all the time.

God I know my own self is not enough to destroy that demon from hell. He knows my buttons he is more faithful at his work than I am at mine. I pain at the sound of that but there is no use in pretending as it is true and undoubtedly will be true my whole earthly life anyway as long as I have flesh.

I know it is through Jesus I gain all things including the right to stand before your face. I know that in your son's Jesus sacrifice on the cross you gave me a way to see you again even if I am of flesh and therefore sin. I praise you God to the heavens and to all who can hear, see or feel that you are the one true God creator and all that is, is in you. Thank you for drawing me to your son and his word.

It is through your son I know I can overcome what it is that the devil places in front of me.

I do not doubt that I am covered in the blood of Jesus and therefore blessed and able to defeat the minions of hell including the devil himself. Not by my work or knowledge but by your Grace.

Your Grace is enough my Lord I know you are in me and I in you and that when I die with Jesus Christ as my lord I will go to heaven to be with you. Oh how I long to see your face in its glory Lord.

I know greater is he who is in me then who is in the world. I know I need not fear, as you will take care of me. I believe in the fact that I am alive and well because of your love and that the devil is a flop of a failure at all turns because Jesus is my lord and lives within me.

I know the Holy Spirit is true and is with me always as my comforter. I praise you and thank you for this, as I need it always.

Father I know you are the God of all things really I do. You have brought me here to this place to this time for your purpose and I have never want of any good thing I know you always will do this for me and my family. I know you are our bodyguard you defend us all the time. Your angels ranging to and from to stop the arrows of the devil doing warfare to defeat the devil. I praise you God for your love and I stand on your promise of peace.

I have this to ask lord I pray to you the Father because I know you will know how to answer the best of all. If it is the Word of your Son or the witness of the Holy Spirit or even your very voice doesn't matter to me one bit. I trust you to answer. After all most of what makes this letter up is for me and those who read it as you al-

ready know my heart.

Father why does your word call for healing yet some do not believe in the church?

Father why is it when I pray for healing sometimes it happens and sometimes it does not? Isn't it for your Glory that it manifests itself?

Wouldn't you then desire to see all healed as it is written in your word?

What do I lack or yet better this what is wrong with my belief?

I believe it is your will for all to be whole. I believe it is your will for all things to have life more abundantly. I believe you healed the lame and the sick and that you said I too could do this yet I fail why Father?

Please answer me this I seek to please you and I must know.

It is your Glory and your power that causes the lame and sick and dead to be healed than why not always?

Every answer you have ever given me has been simple and true. I will not set man's understanding to it I only seek your heart and guidance Father. I believe your heart is to heal then why yet do I fail?

I hear men who have success in this ministry teach and yet their teaching is found for want when it comes to the why. They are good men of good report and are set about to do your will what must I learn?

I pray for them to succeed and overcome the devil for a wonder to all of your Glory and wonder not mine what must I do?

I read your word and it tells me yes and amen to healing why then my problem?

Answer Father so I may know your heart more clearly.

Father Why is it that some Christians fight among themselves and plot and point to politics why God why must they wrestle in mans way when it is your will they seek?

Why do the set their agendas and fail to see yours?

I know the answer man gives me for this. I know the teaching of my pastors, father if you would please tell me yourself.

I am your son and I am here Lord send me.

AMEN

## **Revealed to me by God 22 August, 2000**

This is long. It has to be to deliver the Message God would have me deliver.

As you read this you will find this character ✓ It is a point of emphasis, a step.

Each scripture I reference has been included. Each opens with its Bible location.

If you have a difficult time following try just following the ✓ points using your own bible.

I pray to the Lord Jesus Christ that you read God's word and have him reveal His will. We are all his and everything in the world also. So God's will be done in this. AMEN

### **Spirit of Truth, Judgement and Timing**

Ecclesiastes 8:4 4 Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou? 5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment. 6 Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great upon him. 7 For he knoweth not that which shall be: for who can tell him when it shall be? 8 There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it. 9 All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: there is a time wherein one man ruleth over another to his own hurt. 10 And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: this is also vanity. 11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. 12 Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him: 13 But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God.

#### **✓ Judgement/Timing**

✓ Everything of wisdom gained by the Spirit which no man can control. Despising evil following the law in the spirit leads to judgement and timing from God

## ✓ **Ordered footsteps**

Psalms 17:5 5 Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. 6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech. 7 Shew thy marvelous loving kindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them. 8 Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings, 9 From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about. 10 They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly. 11 They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth; 12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places. 13 Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword: 14 From men which are thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes. 15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

## ✓ **Notice this don't miss it;**

Psalms 17:15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

✓ Keeping your eyes firmly on God in all circumstances is the only way you can come against those forces that line up against you. Keeping your eyes on God assures your footsteps are ordered in his will;

Psalms 16:11 11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

✓ The path of life assured in his Gods will. The fullness of Joy.

✓ How do we see the path and establish the true course as he would have us move. In His Word God says;

Psalms 119:105 105 NUN. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

✓ So now we have established that His Holy Word will light our Path in his will.

✓ Knowing this we now can seek any topic to establish the correct path in his will that we should take.

✓ His timing His will His judgement and most importantly His Path.

✓ **Stephen new God's will and walked the right path for God.**

Acts 6:8 8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people. 9 Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen. 10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake. 11 Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.

12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council, 13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law: 14 For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us. 15 And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

✓ Stephen walking and acting in Gods will portrayed the appearance of an Angel when looked upon by the council.

✓ He did not walk about proclaiming self. The Word of God, our light says;

Acts 6:8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

✓ This was his witness in the world. He had the appearance of an Angel. Gods light shone through him to the hearts of the council. Would yours?

✓ When strife or disagreement arises do you have the appearance of an Angel?

✓ From where do you seek your strength?

✓ Stephen chose this Path.

Acts:7:55 55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

✓ Do you see the Glory of God and Jesus on his right hand? Can you let go of self enough to be blessed by the one who created you?

✓ What council do you stand before?

✓ What false witness offers itself up against you?

✓ Do you walk as Stephen or rely on the evil of self in ignorance making Gods power null and void in your life?

✓ Is the Spirit of God enough for you?

✓ Stephen in Acts 7:55 saw the Truth of it. The Truth of God in his Glory with Christ by his right hand. All this as spoken by the prophets of old and in the word of God read by the very council he was in front of.

✓ **Remember our start verses**

Psalms 17:7 Shew thy marvelous loving kindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them.

Psalms 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

✓ Here are some more versus from the word the council knew well that Stephens vision would have pointed them to think of as well.

Exodus 15:6 Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

Exodus 15:12 Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them.

Deuteronomy 33:2 And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them.

Psalms 18:35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

Psalms 20:6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

✓ They in their belief had read many times of the Right Hand of God so in declaring his vision Stephen convicted every one in the council and the witnesses in one fell swoop they were all called false by the Truth of Stephen vision. In Acts 7:51 he lays Gods heart on them;

Acts 7:51 51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

✓ Then In Acts 7:56 Stephen proclaimed his vision as received from the Holy Spirit and sealed the councils fate;

Acts 7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into

heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, 56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

✓ The spoken Word of God as received by the Holy Spirit and a vision pure in Truth.

✓ The Council was dumbstruck Stephen had already spoke of the history of their forefathers from Abraham to their time accurately.

✓ And then He had spoken the position of Christ as given him by the Holy Spirit and then he told them the pure Gods TRUTH.

✓ The Truth of God tore at the men of the council and they being false already in their purpose having given place to satan and his imps

✓ satan's spirits were empowered twenty fold at that moment, Rejection/Rebellion/Fear/Anger/Hatred. Shook them deep. They lost control and the word says;

Acts 7:57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

✓ The Word confirms this empowerment of satan by their lack of acceptance of the Truth as revealed to Stephen by the Spirit.

Acts 7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, 56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

✓ **Does the truth ever cause you to feel a rush of anxiety?**

✓ When you are operating out on the edge of truth and someone reproves or rebukes you by the Word do you react as the council or as Stephen?

✓ Stephen who Steadfastly looked up to Heaven for Light of Gods Glory and Jesus Christ his Savior.

✓ The council who when confronted with the truth allowed satan a place.

✓ This illustrates really well a couple of things in the here and now.

✓ The council is your flesh and Stephen is your Spirit. The truth is your flesh acts not as your spirit desires. If allowed to run your flesh allows satan to establish himself in your life, by invitation. Your spirit cries out to you

to be as Stephen and Look Steadfastly up to heaven seeking Gods light

✓ Your flesh rebels from the truth squirming in its corruption seeking escape from the truth and the power of Jesus Christ in Gods Glory. This while at the same time your spirit cries out to God looking steadfastly on Gods Glory and Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

✓ The flesh (all flesh) even by hearing truth is uneasy in it. It wonders at the truth as it is presented and fears the depth of it. What more of your flesh weakness will it reveal? What else does it know of your flesh secrets. How bare will it lay you open?

✓ This can cause the spirit of rejection to step up from satan's armory and can allow the lies of satan to be manifest through your very dispute and fear of the truth. As your flesh struggles, satan and his imps take root in your flesh causing your original fear and weakness to increase.

✓ At this exact moment. At this exact heartbeat. In this very instant. Remember Stephen. ...His face had the appearance of an Angel

Acts 7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, 56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

✓ The implication is that in remembering Stephen who even to death ...looked steadfastly into heaven You are assured Gods light to set your path. Lets take a deeper look

✓ When the council rebelled against Gods word, Gods truth, it allowed satan to establish himself in the hearts of the council. The council, just like your flesh can invite satan to come and wreak havoc, in the flesh by your actions. This causes far reaching ramifications in your life just as it did for the Christian and Jewish churches of that time.

✓ In the case of the council they committed murder. Satan in his lie drove them to murder Stephen someone they saw that had the appearance of an Angel. The true reason for Stephens death however was so they could attempt to kill the truth that had been established by his word as revealed by God to Stephen and then by obedience and faith to them.

Acts 7:59 59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. 60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

✓ The Truth always the same returned to God, Stephen died and was received by Jesus. The Truth in that moment ceased to be heard.

✓ It still existed unchanged and perfect. It was just removed from their faces. Buried by the flesh.

✓ **Do you have any truths you have in the flesh tried to kill and bury?**

✓ Is there sin in flesh?

✓ The answer is yes so seek out your buried truths and bring them to light again. In spirit and through the power of Christ you are able.

✓ Remember Stephen received Jesus reward. The reward in life of being obedient and even in death having peace. Stephen knew he would be with his Lord.

Acts 6:8 8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

Acts 7:59 59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. 60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

✓ The council by killing Stephen, stilled the truth by rejecting God, who was indeed present before them.

Acts 7:49 49 Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest? 50 Hath not my hand made all these things? 51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. 52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: 53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it. 54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

✓ That is the reason the ...gnashed their teeth and were ...cut to the heart they not only killed Stephen. They committed the unpardonable sin of blasphemy of the spirit of God. They denied it by their rejection of Stephen and the truth of God he witnessed.

✓ Do not doubt that this rejection of the Spirit bore ill fruit. Witness the scripture of Saul a young man at the time.

- ✓ Here is the fruit of the councils unbelief and arrogance.

Acts 7:57 57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, 58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. 59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. 60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 8:1 1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. 2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. 3 As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

- ✓ By the councils actions and then Saul's agreement with the murder of Stephen the fate of the church of God was sealed in division Jew from Christian. Satan had finally placed his lies once again in the hearts and used the strife or division of the church (Gods whole Church Jews, Christians) to set forever in action once again the strife between ones who should be brothers.

- ✓ Satan has done this many times in the scripture. He has used the disobedience of man to set the Church of God at odds one with the other.

- ✓ Jew against Christian, Christian against Christian.

- ✓ **Lets be clear in this. God does not separate us one from another. We are all his children.**

Genesis 12:2 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 22:17 17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

Genesis 32:12 12 And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

Romans 3:9 9 What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; 10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that

understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. 13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: 14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: 15 Their feet are swift to shed blood: 16 Destruction and misery are in their ways: 17 And the way of peace have they not known: 18 There is no fear of God before their eyes. 19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

✓ We are in serious error if we look to our God brethren and shake our head. It is the lies of the devil as seen in the council that Stephen was brought before.

✓ We are a church divided by mistrust and Doctrine and Religion

✓ We and our brothers in God fail to see past the lies of satan. We must overcome this problem if we are to prosper as Gods children and His Church.

Mark 3:24 24 And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

✓ **What can be learned by the example of Stephen in this?**

Lets move this topic closer to home now.

✓] It is important to note that the men on the council were al learned men. Men of distinction and presence and high men of the church, elders, counselors, men who were esteemed for their dedication to God.

✓ How many of you have left a church due to some inner strife within the body?

✓ How many of you have seen a church whole in spirit and worship just disintegrate before your eyes?

✓ Who among us here have been seriously damaged by the church?

✓ Who among us now have wrestled with other saints to put forth their agenda or plan the way they see it? (Don't all jump up on this one at once...)

- ✓ Who among us have winked that smug wink or thought that smug thought of self righteousness and spoke to another saint at a third saints expense?
- ✓ Do you lead the choir, deacon, elder, counsel, teach? Is your heart true or are you puffed up?
- ✓ Members of the church are you the council that killed Stephen over the truth?
- ✓ Do you revile others because they have chosen to serve God?

Proverbs 15:33 - 16:3 33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honor is humility. Proverbs 16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD. 2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits. 3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

- ✓ Do you seek the peace of service or the arrogance of place?
- ✓ If your heart is true do not be offended. If not be provoked, are you the council?
- ✓ **Every one, saints, look to your heart keep it clean.**

Matthew 3:7 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: 9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. 10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: 12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

**Are you stirred up a little? Good.**

**If not; Awesome !**

- ✓ Do not reduce your church to a stoning contest. Stoning each other to death for our own purposes, to hide the truth or put forth an agenda or to correct the faulty ways of others in christ is satan's lie.
- ✓ The church divided is satan's playground.

How should we be?

✓ Seek Stephen heart, deal with one another and others from without truthfully keeping Stephen way.

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Acts 7:55 55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, 56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

✓ Is this not enough?

### **How about this then?**

Acts 7:58 58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. 59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. 60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

✓ Then while following this example shout to the world

Acts 7:56 56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

✓ Then watch the stones fly.

✓ The stones of the wicked.

✓ The stones of the council.

✓ The stones of the dead.

✓ While you brethren following Stephen example eyes firmly on God and accepting the right hand who is Jesus. You all being dead to the world through Jesus Christs finished work. Claiming the Victory in Christ

✓ Praying as Stephen did;

Acts 7:60 60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

✓ Count it to the Lord Jesus Christ to make it whole again bey the softening of the hearts. He also will reward the wicked.

✓ What follows are some scriptural truths to support this pouring of love instead of joining the fray and throwing stones of your own...

✓ Love is the key, Stephen heart, his eyes and his faith and obedience. If we walk in his example we can never be far from Jesus.

✓ Are we sinless so we can correct others by casting stones?

John 8:7 7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. 8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. 9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? 11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more. 12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Psalm 62:1 1 <<To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David.>> Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation. 2 He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved. 3 How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence. 4 They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah. 5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him. 6 He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved. 7 In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. 8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah. 9 Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity. 10 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them. 11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God. 12 Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

✓ Satan can not live where the truth of Jesus lives. If you live in the truth following Stephen example in your churches satan will only fail, over and over again in Jesus name.

✓ As it says in scripture

Job 18:5 5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine. 6 The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his

candle shall be put out with him. 7 The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and his own counsel shall cast him down. 8 For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare. 9 The gin shall take him by the heel, and the robber shall prevail against him. 10 The snare is laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way. 11 Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall drive him to his feet. 12 His strength shall be hunger bitten, and destruction shall be ready at his side. 13 It shall devour the strength of his skin: even the firstborn of death shall devour his strength. 14 His confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle, and it shall bring him to the king of terrors. 15 It shall dwell in his tabernacle, because it is none of his: brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation. 16 His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off. 17 His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street. 18 He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world. 19 He shall neither have son nor nephew among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings. 20 They that come after him shall be astonished at his day, as they that went before were affrighted. 21 Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him that knoweth not God.

✓ **How do we know God?**

1 John 4:7 7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

✓ **Yet another...**

Psalm 51:11 11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. 13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. 15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. 16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

✓ **Need some guidance on your next action?**

Proverbs 15:31 - 16:9 31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise. 32 He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding. 33 The fear of the LORD is the

instruction of wisdom; and before honor is humility. 1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD. 2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits. 3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established. 4 The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil. 5 Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished. 6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil. 7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. 8 Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right. 9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

✓ **Want to know who is in charge?**

Isaiah 9:6 6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

✓ **Who is keeping score?**

Psalms 130:3 3 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? 4 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. 5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

**In summary**

Reach for your fallen brother in Love, not the love of man but the love of Christ. Lift his chin so he too can gaze steadfastly on the Glory of God. Do not become a council member. ---- May the Lord Jesus have his will on the world forever. AMEN

## **Revealed to me by God 23 August, 2000**

To all of you who feel the burden of the Lord this day.

Be still, He is here  
His will is being done  
He will lift your souls to rejoice  
Peace be upon you and yours  
He has no greater joy then in reclaiming the lost  
Those who you took time to touch, in the love of Christ  
These are the little ones he seeks  
You have moved to his call for action  
obedient is the way you chose  
now rest in that and know  
Your God is pleased  
All things are His  
He has chosen you.

AMEN

## **Revealed to me by God 23 August, 2000**

Think you can stop for a moment?  
The Lord of all wants you to give it a try, think you can?

Ok now stop in Jesus name.  
Take a drink of his cup  
feel the strength of his Glory  
Feel the laughter fill your soul?

Ok now stop in Jesus name.  
pray and lift him up  
feel the strength of his Glory  
Feel the smile upon your face?

Ok now stop in Jesus name.  
Call to him "Here I am Lord" then listen. . .

and be blessed.

AMEN

## **Revealed by God to me in Prayer**

Mighty are the promises of the Lord and to those who worship him alone and proclaim his gospel after claiming his redemption, are not just workers with a reward. They are the heirs of the Kingdom of God. Sons and daughters of the Great and Holy One of Israel.  
Rejoice and be set free!

Ha!

Glory to God now and always the King of all and Light eternal for the world so all may be set free by his blood unto salvation.  
AMEN

Good Night and be Blessed, in Jesus name.

## **Revealed by God to me in Prayer**

I get excited when I see the spiritualists speak the language that attracts man. Many come, it is a wonderful sight. Yes the direction is wrong but the Spirit of God will prevail. Are you standing there.

It starts with a prayer, place it at the Lords feet. Then as your mouth moves its God's Word you speak.

Done, the spiritualist called, his wisdom failed, you spoke the true Word, the lost then heard.

Speak.

When you see the person dancing with no worship intent. Avoid the deception of the evil one judge not. Take heart, it is the dance of the innocent no matter how strong. They dance in ignorance seeking the Lord without the flesh's knowledge. The Spirit within them seeks to worship our God but the flesh stays lost.

The Spirit of truth will prevail.

It starts with a prayer, place it at the Lords feet. Then as your mouth moves its God's Word you speak.

Do not dare speak of man. Only God in His Love Prevail!

How many times must you speak?

Every time.

Speak of His love, speak of His wonder, call on His Spirit signs and wonders. He said that those who believed without seeing him were even greater blessed. Apply His Love he will handle the rest.

The Angels begin to party one of the lost is found. The fatted calf is served Joy is all around. He is worthy of your praise. Go now praise him before the world.

A fellow named Wade once had me make up a sign. It had a simple word but is it good in these times of outreach.

it read simply...

The posture of worship is our weapon of choice.

Why is that guy on his knees? What did he say with his face looking upward? Why would a man weep for someone he did not know? These are the seeds. They can't help but grow.

I praise God for his simple pleasure and wisdom. Anything else counterfeit and a falsehood of men. Resist the arrogance. Seek the servants heart. The lost will answer, only Gods faith the cost.

AMEN

## **Revealed by God to me in Prayer**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ.

In my Life now God has given me three main instructions

1. Be Humble
2. Be Observant
3. Be Fierce

With regard to the first word;

I pray each day for the humility of the Lord to keep me on his plan I fear my God and hope to please him with my heart.

Seek humility fall down before the Lord.

With regard to the second word;

I have more for you tonight because I see an alarming thing occurring. This is good

in a way as it means we are on the threshold of Victory here in this county. It is bad in that it is an attack on the Spirit of Peace and Joy that surrounds this county and those of us who love Jesus.

First as an exercise in observation stop and look around you.

At home, the work place. the neighborhood. Pray for the Spirit of God to open your eyes and discern what it is you are seeing.

I believe you will see what I have been seeing of late. Anger, impatience, verbal discourse, shortness of grace from others, a general spirit of anger.

The Lord has shown me and I best express it as a "spirit of anguish."

I noted it at work when co-workers who normally co-existed in peace started at one another for no reason.

My wife came home with the physical distress of a sore throat and we prayed against it but it would not cease. It continued until the Lord showed me it was the effects of the spirit of anguish that my wife had to go through at work. When I asked her about work she said it had been horrible that day and that she had wanted to just get out of there people who usually liked each other were attacking each other without real cause and it was ugly.

We then directed our attention to the true cause of her sore throat and she was slayed in the spirit and then when she came up again her throat still hurt so we bound that spirit in Jesus name again and finally my wife went out again and the Lord healed her.

Later that day I went with some people to pray for a family that had been unwell of late even though they had been prayed for consistently they seemed not to get better. When we were talking the Lord asked me to ask the man of the house what work had been like lately. He said that people were undergoing a shake up and that people who he counted as allies were really treating him as if he was an enemy. He said it was confusing to him as this is a work place that even though it is a stressful place to work the people who worked there had always had an easy going report with each other.

There are more examples but it is not the purpose of this to declare the spirit of anguish as in power.

It is not in power. The Lord Jesus is the King and has dominion and power to bind that spirit and cause it to pass without effect.

Look around you if you see it intercede. If it effects YOU declare it to Christ. REPENT AND PLEAD THE BLOOD

Now for God's third and new command for me "Be fierce!";

You are a Christian and as a Christian you operate with the authority of Christ. Be Fierce! lets seek out this seed of anguish and destroy it in Jesus Name. Bind it, cast it out now and forever from the face of the earth. Seek it out cast it out in Jesus name I pray.

Christian are you at odds with another.

I declare it defeated and bound by the power of the Lord Jesus Christ I cast it out from your face In Jesus name..No corner for it to hide only defeat in Jesus Name.

Christian do you feel out of sorts, sick bound in the spirit?

I declare it defeated and bound by the power of the Lord Jesus Christ I cast it out from your face In Jesus name. Healing will begin as the fruit of the Lord provides.

Christian does your face feel at odds with your feet?

I declare it defeated and bound by the power of the Lord Jesus Christ I cast it out from your face In Jesus name. Direction sure through the Light of the Lord to set direction good and clear for your walk

Do you see it around your work place or home?

I declare it defeated and bound by the power of the Lord Jesus Christ I cast it out from your face In Jesus name. Cast it out in Jesus name.

Join me in agreement through our Lord and savior Jesus Christ to destroy this lame spirit attacking Christians.

I declare it defeated and bound by the power of the Lord Jesus Christ I cast it out from your face In Jesus name.

Pay attention brothers and sisters it will be done as Jesus has said for His glory alone.

I only offer praise and glory to my God in heaven and the Lord Jesus Christ for the victory that has been assured by Jesus who's stripes healed us and who's love shinned as a beacon for us to teach us to love one another.And who's sacrifice on the cross assured my place in the book of life AMEN

## **Revealed by God to me**

### **March 28 2001**

**While in prayer the Lord revealed to me the following:**

Are you Children of God?

Sons saved by the grace and sacrifice of Jesus.

Or

Have you declared your own righteousness and entered into the Curse and Oath believing that somehow you would walk in the law?

Nehemiah 10:29 They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes;

You have no works good enough no grace of your own making.

Release your arrogance and believe on him or be condemned by your own spoken curse and oath.

Jesus said None come unto the Father but by me.

John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

## **Instruction**

### **on a personal note:**

Stand until you can stand no more then lean on him he will hold you up. It is your duty to tear down strongholds and confront the iniquity of the situation. Trust the Holy Spirit enough to work the kinks out God is the thing we all seek and he is the one in control. Move when he tells you to move, speak what he wants you to speak and love all as he instructed you. Hearts do change feelings do get repaired hearts learn to receive from the meek. Keep placing his word and wisdom before them in the way he has instructed to you even if nothing happens you have still done as he desired and came against the thing that caused him to move you to action.

Be Real.

I have stood and then leaned on him when I could not stand anymore and the situation that was hopeless was healed. Peace was restored. Hearts were once again made one. Unity reigns and we still have the place we love to call home.

Remember Stand Against the Strong hold resist the devil and he must flee.

God will change the hearts and make it whole.

He fixed a situation that I thought was over and done. In an instant today it was restored.

BELIEVE it is my witness to you to STAND.

IN JESUS NAME AMEN, AMEN, AMEN, AMEN and AMEN

Holy Spirit bring Fire, turn our hearts back to you again. Let it rain down, God of Elijah bring your fire.

The same God I call Abba father, let it rain down.

Be Blessed in Jesus name.

## **Revealed by God to me in Prayer**

Brothers and sisters,

The Lord said in the following scripture;

Matthew 5:38 ¶ Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39\* But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40\* And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also.

41\* And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

42\* Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43 ¶ Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46\* For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the

publicans the same?

47\* And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

A great deal of stuff is around now in the world that just speaks against this scripture. I hear it on the tube, on the street and places you would not expect it to be heard. I offer this effort to help illuminate it as Jesus helps me to see it each time I wander from his path in this; I have looked in the mirror and found myself lacking in this area.

This is all about the individual. Not for the Church as a whole not for the Country. It is intended for you and me. Make it personal. Take it personal. It teaches me as he gives it and I learn it as I write this. It is my task as handed me by the Lord to first be humble, and then be observant. These two things are my personal marching orders from My Father in Heaven. They take the form in me of two things again; In the two greatest commandments as Jesus spoke them;

Mark 12:28\* ¶ And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29\* And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30\* And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

32\* And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

33\* And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

There is another which seals the command to me and it is;

John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Jesus Died on the cross for me a sinner and a transgressor of his law. He did not care to stab me with my faults or my failures. He only showed me through his word the error of my path and then offered himself up to die on my behalf covering me in his love of sacrifice. The Lion became the Holy Lamb of God. Not because he had to but because he obeyed the will of God.

God is not some soft, good natured old guy who glows with Love, gushy gushy. He is the Fire breathing, sin hating, vengeance wielding, One and only God of all. Our Creator. King of Heaven and earth Lord of Lords.

Keep him in his proper place before your heart and he will teach you. He will come to you as a Father, Brother, Friend. He will make known his fellowship with you by the fruit that surrounds you. You are a walking witness when you are in the will of God. He is your friend and He will sit with you and hold you in his love;

1 John 4:8\* He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

1 John 4:16\* And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

I believe that if we take care of the ME; God can will handle the WE! It is my assertion that if we get ourselves right as individuals our churches will profit and as our churches profit so will our communities. We are a country made up of individual communities.

This stuff is not new. It has been preached from the pulpits of this nation and around the world for ages. This is yet again another effort to shine Gods Cleaning fire on a topic that we fail to understand because of our lack of holiness and our apparent inability to Let God be the Lord and Master of our lives.

Can you feel the tone change in the world? Some of us Christians are getting it and walking in the righteousness of God. We can feel it because they are being obedient to our Lord. We must join them in the love of God that brings us in our flesh to the righteousness of God. It is his will as it is says in the word;

1 John 4:16\* And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

It is easy to be offended. Offence walks around with the power we give it in our own selfishness. Each of us has a level that we reach when the selfishness of our indignation reaches the point of offence. Once there we allow ourselves certain liberties feeling justified to be offended. Many people are "standing up for their rights". Fighting for what they believe. Defending what they have. this fellow did this, that fellow did that, this group is doing this, this bunch is doing that. Lets stand and teach them a lesson.

Psalms 20:7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

Proverbs 24:29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.

Governments or other Countries are no problem either. Because God handles them also.

Psalms 9:17\* The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

We march around proclaiming the wrongs pointing out the flaws and for what?

Have we asked God his will in this?

Psalms 40:8\* I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

Psalms 16:7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

Psalms 32:8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Has someone wronged you in the world? I mean are you offended! Did they get in your face and take you to a place in which the flesh and the devil lives. Did you stand up for your rights?

Psalms 39:1\* I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

2 Samuel 22:4 I will call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Psalms 44:5 Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

What am I supposed to do you ask?

Pray for them! Right now! even when that turkey is two inches from your face begging to have his lights turned out you must lay aside your anger and Pray For them.

Is it subtle, are they talking behind your back? are they nipping at your heels, are they making our life miserable because others believe their lies? Pray for them!

Why you ask?

Because it is your task as a Christian to follow the Commandments of God two of which are;

Mark 12:29\* And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30\* And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Jesus does not say "if the guy is nice" or "As long as they don't try to hurt you" or "As long as they only smile at you or say nice things to you" .

Jesus simply says "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself". PERIOD

Still have issues? How about;

Matthew 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Luke 6:28\* Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

What do you avoid when you do this?

Proverbs 26:21\* As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.

Proverbs 18:19 A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city: and their contentions are like the bars of a castle.

You blasphemy the Spirit because you remove the blessings given all sinners of the comforter and Jesus. You know better. You are Gods child. You empower the devil in a strong witness against Christ because you fall. People look at you and see the fallen Christian and speak the hypocrite words. Satan wins.

Proverbs 12:2 A good man obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

Do you seek to be condemned. Do you want the sin of the lost who watched you a representative of God fail which may have cause them to walk away from the Lord.

Jesus Wept.

If you err in this take action now in the instant you transgressed. Proclaim your error loud and clear. Pray to your Lord as a witness loud and clear to overcome your witness of failure. Just as Jesus used prayer as a witness in;

John 11:41\* Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

42\* And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

I pray Forgive me Lord I should have Loved him/her for your sake Lord Jesus!

How can you hope to survive this old world if you never stand up for your rights?

Psalms 9:9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

Psalms 18:2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Psalms 20:6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

Do you trust your Lord God completely?  
Have you laid the case at the feet of the almighty God?

What of Stephen?

Acts 7:54\* ¶ When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57\* Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58\* And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59\* And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60\* And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Do you look steadfastly into heaven or do you look at your own power?  
Look at the love of Stephen in Acts 7:60.

By doing this Stephen witnessed and it was to the good of God and Stephen as they both operated in God's Will while all others involved acted in hate as would satan and satan was defeated. Remember;

1 John 4:8\* He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

1 John 4:16\* And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Do you claim Jesus salvation?  
Do you call on him as your Lord?  
Do you profess the Love of Christ?

Act as Jesus wants you to act. Love all. Simple yet sometimes out of reach unless you seek the face of God.

Love thy neighbor even if he/she is:  
ugly

mean  
gossip  
homosexual  
murderer  
violent

and You will be in Gods will.

Psalms 51:13\* Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Do not add your understanding to this, only Jesus Pure Truth.

Do not rationalize your ways into God's will.

One more piece of Word from the great reconciler Paul

Romans 13:9\* For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Be Blessed, If you know Jesus as your Savior follow his word. Be blessed brother and sister...

If you have not yet made that personal commitment but feel his pull on you heart.

Jump in, it is really awesome to be under the loving will of our Lord Jesus Christ walking and learning and enjoying God's love with the brothers and sisters in the Lord. Just ask Jesus into your heart.

For real no joke. Jesus Loves you. He will keep you. Admit your sin and your need for him to come into your heart as your savior. Repent of your sin and admit there is no other way but by his blood that you are saved from hell and clean of sin. Claim his gift of salvation by declaring him Lord of all your life. In Jesus name Amen.

Don't play, he is coming. We may not know the hour but it could be now. Join me in heaven or die in hell forever. My God the sacrifice is made by you for me to know peace and I accept it , thank you Lord for choosing me. He also chooses you!

think not?  
then why did you get this in your hands.

Jesus Pure Truth  
AMEN  
John

By the power of Jesus Christ be blessed!  
AMEN

## Revealed by God to me in Prayer

The Gospel of John  
Chapter 11:1 - 11:46  
An Observance of Scripture

I spent a month reading the book of John after God placed me in it. To tell the truth, I was unsure why God had me in there for so long. I love Luke his gospel it is what I first read when I came to God. Brother Luke's gospel and the book of Romans by brother Paul are favorites of mine. They were my witness and my manna for a long time. Of late I have been in the prophets. Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah. He gave me some strong stuff and revealed much to me. Thank you Jesus.

After reading John once and then again, I got stuck on verse John 11:33

John 11

33\* ¶ When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

I puzzled what on earth would make him groan. After all he knew the outcome.

So I prayed and asked the Lord to reveal his word to me so that I would understand.

Here is what I learned by Him opening my eyes. I have been blessed beyond comparison and I hope, even if you know this material, it will bless you as well.

John 11:1\* ¶ Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

- We now have the main players excluding Jesus.

In the Greek lexicon

Lazarus = lazarov  
probably of Hebrew origin  
Lazarus = "whom God helps" (a form of the Hebrew name Eleazar).

Martha = marya  
probably of Aramaic origin (meaning mistress)  
Martha = "she was rebellious".

Mary = maria  
of Hebrew origin

is identified and her relationship to the others established in verse 3.

- They were brother and sisters. As described in verse 3.  
John 11:3\* Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.
- A Family unit in Bethany, just outside Jerusalem.
- We have a man Lazarus and two women Martha and Mary.
- We have the perceived healthy.
- We have the sick.

John 11:2\* (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

- By way of reference we have this scripture from Luke that introduces us to the fact she used her hair to wipe his feet.

Luke 7:37\* And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,

38\* And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

- Mary is spoken of in other scripture as well.

Matthew 26:7\* There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat.

Mark 14:3\* And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head.

And then again in John in Chapter 12 Verse 3

John 12:3\* Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

- We were first introduced to Mary in Matthew. Then we saw Mary again in Mark and then Luke.
- John in this context mentions Mary to give us a point of reference about whom she was.
- Mary was a sinner (Luke 7:37 )
- Then we have Martha's name. (Mistress/rebellious)
- Remember Lazarus was soon to be dead.
- All were in Bethany.

- All were without Jesus.

John 11:3\* Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

- The first declaration of Jesus love of Lazarus.
- The sisters of Lazarus, alone with their problem called to Jesus to come help them.
- Mary and Martha believed Jesus was blessed and could help them out of the problem they were in.
- Mary and Martha knew Jesus loved Lazarus.
- It is interesting that Mary and Martha did not ask Jesus to help themselves. Mary and Martha did not say “Jesus we know you love us”.
- Mary and Martha put their focus and concern first on the one who was sick and the Lord Jesus, who loved the sick.
- Mary and Martha presented their need before Jesus.
- Mary and Martha used a messenger, one who knew the ins and outs of getting to where Jesus was. One who had Jesus’ confidence, So that Jesus’ disciples would trust. Remember the Jew’s Council at Jerusalem sought Jesus to stone him to death at their last encounter.
- Mary and Martha knew Jesus was what the sick needed.
- We should see sending for Jesus as a demonstration of how we should call for him in our need.
- We should learn from their example that Jesus should be called for the sick.
- We too use a messenger who intercedes for us with God.

Do you know who that is?

John 11:4\* When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

- Jesus waited for the help to be asked for before he spoke to the issue.
- We know that Jesus knows the outcome scripture tells us that nothing is new under the sun to God.  
Ecclesiastes 1:9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.
- Jesus places it all in perspective.
  - a. He declares the outcome.
  - b. He states why the outcome will be the way it will be.
  - c. He speaks of his Fathers power over death
- Jesus makes the first declaration in this scripture of his power over death.
- Jesus’ Glory and the Fathers Glory, One
- He spoke with knowledge, the knowledge and assured power of God. Knowing what the sickness was and knew with great detail all that was going on in Bethany.

It is important that you know that Jesus knew of it before it happened. God knows all things. Jesus waited for Mary and Martha and the messenger to be faithful and obedient in bringing it to Him before He proclaimed and declared His intent (God's perfect will). This was for His Glory for the benefit of man while he was still on earth so more of God's chosen would believe.

John 11:5\* Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

Jesus love is proclaimed/declared for all involved.

- This is the second declaration of the fact Jesus loved Lazarus.
- The sick.
- The rebellious.
- The sinner.
- Man.
- Woman.
- Brother.
- Sister.

You see if the sisters had any doubt that Jesus loved them in addition to their brother they were mistaken. We know this but remember Mary and Martha did not know this yet. We know by many examples that Jesus Loves all.

John 11:6\* When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.

Jesus waits two days before he goes to Bethany. Why?

- Jesus knows the outcome.
- Jesus waits the time until Lazarus is dead.
- Jesus allows for the people to collect at Mary and Martha's.
- Jesus prepares the hearts of his disciples.
- Jesus shows us to call on him and then be patient and still.
- Jesus is aware of a sect of Jews who believe the soul waits for three days trying to re-enter the body after it has died.
- He is working in God's time not man time.
- God's time is always the right time.
- Man time will often race to folly or delay to waste.

John 11:7\* Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again.

- It is now God's time and Jesus knows God's time.  
I noticed he added "again", the work from before was not finished. I feel as if he is giving Judaea another shot at what they missed. I know Jesus was sent for the Jews. As the scripture says;  
Matthew 15:24\* But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

- Many will be affected by this return trip. Lazarus has died for the benefit of the Jews in Judea, and for us as well. In that we who are 'afar off' can take another look at His Glory and majesty through his Word. As the scripture says;  
Acts 2:39\* For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.
- He knows we are an arrogant and thick people, who will need much repetition. Why would we need all the Gospels if this was not true. The constant repetition of God's Word from Genesis to Revelation. If we truly listened to God we would only have needed "I Am". We like to argue and fret and complicate God's word while relying on our own understandings instead of reading His Word.
- God knew this about us as our creator and supplied us with plenty of material.

John 11:8\* His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?

- The disciples still do not understand the power of God or the purpose of Jesus.
- Jesus knows the last time he visited Jerusalem he was not done and Jesus also knows he will be Glorified this time that more will be saved
- They have decided to follow Jesus and have declared him Lord and the Son of the living God (John 6:57) but still question his leadership and his judgment.

John 6:57\* As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

58\* This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

59\* These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

60 ¶ Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?

62 What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

64\* But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

66\* From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

67\* Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

68\* Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

69\* And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

## John 11:8\* continued

- Have you declared him Lord of your life?
- Do you doubt his word and guidance?
- Do you heed his every command without hesitation or thought?
- I do not know of anyone alive that could answer that last question with a consistent “yes”. We are flesh and as flesh, just as Jesus disciples, we place our understanding on His will. We are and were both in error.
- Do you see what they (Jesus disciples) have done for us?  
They have shown all of us that although they saw and heard the very body and voice of Christ they still lived in the flesh just as we do who must see and hear Jesus in his Word.
- They were made to err for our benefit so we could see that all of us are incapable of understanding Gods purpose and will until we are in His Spirit, His Will.
- Do you question His will?
- The Apostles were men just as we are. Don’t be caught in the deception of the devil by making them something they are not.
- They were brothers in Christ, just like our present day brothers and sisters in Christ who are chosen by God to teach and Apostleship.
- Do not be deceived by false doctrine worshiping them, instead of Christ. As the scripture says;

1 Corinthians 3:4\* For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

5\* ¶ Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

6\* I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

7\* So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

9\* For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

10\* According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11\* ¶ For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

John 11:9\* Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

- This is not just for his disciples it is so Jesus can reveal his will to us as well.
- Who is the light of the world?

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 9:5\* As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

- This is plain. First Jesus is telling his disciples that they should walk in the Light of His Word and in His will so they will not stumble. He knows he will not always be there for them so they need to grow to trust his light.
- This is an indication that time with the “Light of the world” is limited, not forever. Jesus will not be physically on the earth forever. He will need to go to fulfill his Father's will and then they must have his light inside them.
- It is also a way that Jesus offers hope to those who tried to stone him before. They were yet without light and he was going to give them another chance to see the light of the world. They were walking in darkness and unaware they had erred and he knew that he would fulfill his declaration in Verse John 11:4

John 11:4\* When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

- Which would give the Jews in Judea a chance to repent of their unbelief. It offers us a chance to see his absolute mercy. Even they tried to kill him, Jesus still wanted to save them even at the risk of his own life. In fact at the cost of his own life. Complete forgiveness.

John 11:10\* But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

- He warns that to walk without light is to stumble. Just as Peter describes.

1 Peter 2:5\* Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

6\* Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

7\* Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

8\* And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

- Even the disciples were being disobedient by not doing what they were appointed to do. At that moment doubting God's will.
- Do you walk in the Light of Jesus?
- How do you walk in the light of Jesus?

Matthew 22:36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37\* Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40\* On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

- Do you love your neighbor as you love yourself?

What if your neighbor is a drunk?  
What if your neighbor is a different race?  
What if your neighbor is a different religion?  
What if your neighbor is a homosexual?  
What if your neighbor is a murderer?  
What if your neighbor is a brutish bully and is in your face?  
What if your neighbor hates Jesus?

What if . . .

Luke 10:29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

30\* And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31\* And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32\* And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33\* But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34\* And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35\* And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

36\* Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

37\* And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Matthew 5:43 ¶ Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46\* For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

47\* And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Mark 12:33\* And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

- Are you in the light?
- This is also his way of excusing the Jews of Judea. They failed to see the Light earlier. Jesus is stating His mercy to the lost. The un-saved, the people who still do not know he is Lord although the evidence is great before them. A merciful excuse for the Jews.
- A way that he can explain to the disciples that his time had not yet become Glorified. He needed to show the light to the Jews in Bethany one more time in a demonstration that he has dominion over death. They were a Religious/Self righteous/tradition of man bunch that needed to see Jesus claim victory over death itself. Not his own death as it will be in the crucifixion/resurrection but Jesus' power over our deaths. He is the light that defeats death. He is the reason death is but a sleep. A temporary instant before rising to be with him in heaven. He is Lord Creator with power over all things including death. If you believe on him and make him your savior and Lord of your life.
- Do not be deceived. Just like Lazarus, without Jesus Christ you are in fact dead forever because if you turn away from him when he calls nothing can save you.

John 11:11\* These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

- Jesus shows the temporary state of death by referring to it as sleep. This is true because Jesus loves Lazarus. It is also true in relation to a Christian as we die in the flesh to be reborn in the spirit as our death is not permanent it is only really a sleep. God sees it as a fleetingness and thus as sleep. Sleep is also used often in the bible just before a change of state in the belief structure of a man.

Paul uses Sleep this way.

Romans 13:9\* For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 ¶ And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

- You see Jesus knew the outcome. Thus, he refers to Lazarus as sleeping. It is obvious to him that what he said in verse John 11:4;

John 11:4\* When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

- This should have been plain to his disciples who declared him earlier.

John 6:68\* Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

69\* And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

- Jesus spoke with the familiarity and assumption that his disciples knew what he meant. They should have understood he was The Son of God. They should have known and remembered that Jesus had said:

John 11:4\* “. . . he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. “

- I imagine they were confused how the Glory would come if Lazarus was to get well by sleep?
- They were confused because we as men never seem to fully get Gods will, we assign our understanding and miss it.
- They were confused for our benefit that we may see repetition in the word and learn from it.
- Jesus again claims the power of all things in stating “that I may awake him out of sleep.”
- He also speaks to the unity among Christians. He could have said ‘my friend’ but instead he said “Our friend Lazarus”. All who love Jesus and have taken him as lord and savior are our friends, but most importantly God’s Friend.

Greek Lexicon

filov philos {fee'-los}

a primitive word

AV - friend

- 1) friend, to be friendly to one, wish him well
  - 1a) a friend
  - 1b) an associate
  - 1c) he who associates familiarly with one, a companion
  - 1d) one of the bridegroom's friends who on his behalf asked the hand of the bride and rendered him various services in closing the marriage and celebrating the nuptials

James 2:23\* And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

John 11:12\* Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

Again it is evident and stated for our benefit.

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John 11:13\* Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

- John feels it is important to us that we understand the flaw in the disciples logic.
- John does this so we keep in mind the frailty of our place in knowledge with God. Jesus disciples were always with him and should have been wise right? Not really, they were just men like you and I and had no special powers of discernment. None except the discernment provided by God.
- Do not assign deity to the Apostles. They were just chosen like you and I for a work unto the Lord God.
- God knew we would need repetition so he arranges situations like this to save us from our own ignorance and protect us from our own arrogance.
- Jesus also does this for the benefit of his disciples we will see.

John 11:14\* Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

- The fuzz is removed from the picture. In this one sentence Jesus does a couple of things.
- He declares his power over death by having knowledge of it when it occurs. We as children of Jesus belong to him. Just as Lazarus did because Jesus called him Friend. We know in James,

James 2:23\* And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

- Lazarus believed in Jesus and in that was Jesus' friend and in that state of faith allowed Jesus to save him.
- This is an interesting thing to point out. The third declaration by Jesus as to Lazarus' condition. John 11:4 - 11:11 and now here. Three times dead. Jesus has used his declaration to identify Lazarus' separation from him. Lazarus declared dead by Jesus three times was as dead to Christ as Peter when he denied Jesus Three times as the scripture says;

Matthew 26:34\* Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

- And then he redeemed Peter three times giving him the mission to be a shepherd and feed his Sheep.

John 21:14\* This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

15\* ¶ So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

16\* He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

17\* He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

- Just as Lazarus did as stated in John 12:9;

John 12:9 Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

10 But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death;

11 Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

- Both were fishers of men because Jesus had claimed both of them by threes. I think it is significant in that Jesus said Peter would deny him three times and then Jesus calls Lazarus dead three times. Both resulting in the Glory of the Lord. Creating magnets for salvation for the sheep. Both following Jesus instruction. Lazarus was important due to his proximity to Jerusalem.
- Three is a significant number as we humans tend to see God as three main parts God the Father, God the son Jesus and God the Holy Spirit. Scripture speaks to this in several places. The word three is in the King James Bible 485 times of which 80 percent are significant pointers to the importance of the number three (I may study that next). My favorite and most interesting one is;

1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

John 11:15\* And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

- Remember the disciple's confusion and their wonder to the fact that Jesus

- tarried and then was willing to go back into Jerusalem.
- Remember Jesus claim that his sickness would not be unto death but unto the glory of Jesus and God.
  - If Jesus was there, it may have taken some effect of the miracle away to the observers. He also would not have made the declaration of death three times or of his love for the lost as mentioned in earlier commentary.
  - Jesus knew it would be a powerful witness to the Jews of that time who suffered from a large religious spirit to have Lazarus dead and then called back.
  - It would establish the witness of the ability from and for Jesus to have some one arise from the dead after being sealed in the grave, just as Jesus would rise from the dead soon. It established a marker that the Jews/Gentiles of the time must have had sight of by way of comparison. So that later when the tomb of Jesus was empty, many who witnessed Lazarus rise on the command of Jesus would understand what had happened and would also be saved. Praise God!
  - He was glad it was not yet he in the grave. As his disciples were not yet ready in their walk in God's will. They demonstrated their immaturity in God's wisdom with their misunderstanding Jesus' declaration of Lazarus sleep and that it would not be unto death but the Glory of God. Jesus knowing this was glad he had more time to teach them away from their unbelief and imaturity.
  - Pastors, this is a light on how to address the support of one in need. In this case Mary and Martha and in fact a whole town needed ministering. Jesus did not say - I will go unto them. He did not say - You disciples go unto them. He did not say - Ministry team let us go unto them. Jesus did say "Let us go unto him" That was all he was with, everyone. His disciples his fellow followers the masses all went unto them. How do we know this you ask?
  - When Jesus wanted to be alone he simply went away and no one was sure where he was going as in Luke 6:12 and John 10:39;

Luke 6:12\* And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

John 10:39 ¶ Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,

- This theme is repeated over and over in the gospels. If Jesus wanted to be alone he was.
- Jesus had sent his disciples out to do his will but not in this case.

Matthew 17:14\* ¶ And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying,

15\* Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

- He wanted all of us to minister to the needy, in pain or lost together corporately. Do not isolate your flock. Exhort them to their ministerial duties. If we fail in this in the body of Christ how can we call unbelievers through the ministering of the church. This way when your flock has a tragedy or challenge they respond as one as Jesus said:

John 11:11\* These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

- If all are one then they too will not hesitate to tell the Church of a need.
- I know if you have a Pastors heart you already know this. Please for the sake of Jesus do not forget. That Jesus taught we all have a responsibility to minister. Always include your whole flock in your ministering.
- Who should minister?

Jesus taught;

Matthew 25:31\* ¶ When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32\* And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33\* And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34\* Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35\* For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36\* Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37\* Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38\* When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39\* Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40\* And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

41\* Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

42\* For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

43\* I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44\* Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

45\* Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

46\* And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Praise God!

John 11:16\* Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

- Jesus followers were prepared to go and die with Jesus at the hands of the Jews.
- Thomas was passionate in his dedication to Jesus he proclaimed it in this statement.
- He later doubts the resurrection of Christ. Jesus puts his doubts to rest when he says in John 20:26;

John 20:26\* ¶ And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27\* Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

28\* And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

29\* Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

- Thomas tested what he saw, felt and what was told unto him by the Word (Jesus) directly. showing us that we must do the same by taking all we feel, see and EVERYTHING we are told directly to the WORD.
- Jesus is the Word as we know from John 1:1 and John 1:14 -18;

John 1:1\* In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14\* And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15 ¶ John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16\* And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17\* For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18\* No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

- So therefore when Thomas laid his hands upon Jesus resurrected he knew what he hoped was true.
- Just as when we hope for salvation we Lay our hands just as Thomas did on the Word and it says Romans 1:16;

Romans 1:16\* For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

John 11:17\* ¶ Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.

- This set the time for us so we could understand the magnitude of the event from 'afar off' Acts 2:39;

Acts 2:39\* For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

- It establishes the witness to the Jews as well.

John 11:18\* Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:

- A furlong is 1/8 mile, so it was close to Jerusalem and so had easy access to the Jews. A couple of miles or so, without the exact math.
- It needed to be close as every one walked two legged or rode four legged transport.
- It was a place people could reach from Jerusalem but they needed to actually walk a bit so it would preclude the big dudes of the synagogue as they may not be as willing to walk that distance.
- It provided a way to reach the Jews of Jerusalem as well as a place for Jesus to prepare.

John 11:19\* And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

- Why would Jesus and then John specify that "many of the Jews came to comfort Martha and Mary?"
- Did some know Martha and Mary?
- Many Jews knew that Jesus loved that family and it was probably thought that Jesus would be there to mourn Lazarus' death.
- This afforded a way for them to be "close to the power" but without having to declare their curiosity of Christ.
- Many of the Jews believed in their heart that Jesus was the Messiah from his teachings and his miracles and the testimonies from others who believed.
- They could say they were going to tend to Mary and Martha. They could be there in the event Jesus did some miracle. Kind of like the great revivals draw Christians, they want to be a part.
- Some may have believed that Martha and Mary would take favor with them due to the comfort they would give them and by their friendship be drawn to the Christ's power.
- Many just wanted to be in the "in crowd". Be where the happening was. The influence of people met and the side conversation it allowed. It was pretty much assured the truly powerful of the Synagogue would not be there so the underlings could use this as an excuse to speak with each other and plot. Any gathering not watched by the Romans or the Chief pharisees and scribes gave an opportunity to meet and discuss plans or initialize covenants.

- All but a few of Mary and Martha's friends and family had an agenda of their own. A reason to be there for their benefit. Shallow, selfish, without caring for the burden they placed on Mary and Martha, without caring what the true situation was that they had lost a brother. Each in the color of chameleon.

John 11: 20\* Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house.

- Martha shows her impatience with the Lord while at the same time demonstrating an urgency to get Jesus into the situation.
- Mary who would anoint the Lord Jesus later remained silent in prayer and still, waiting for his call.
- This is a way for us to understand the two main types of worship.
  - The first eager seeking the Hot moving fire of Christ. Out on the forefront bursting to seek his face. A blasting witness to any who see.
  - The second stayed silent, patient resting on the faith he will come. Demonstrating the trust he will come in time.
- You and I need to be a combination of both seeking the strength of both.
- This verse John 11:20, is the ultimate indication of the correct method of worship.

John 11: 21\* Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

- This is witness to her faith in him and the knowledge that without him the situation is hopeless.
- This is a declaration of faith which did not carry an accusation because in the very next verse she knows God loves Jesus and says so.
- What should you get from this?

Without Jesus all are dead.  
Through Jesus all things are possible.

John 11:22\* But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

- For our benefit Martha has not quite got her sights right, she knows Jesus is connected to God but does not yet give him the authority he deserves.
- For our benefit she is unsure of his power.
- That could be in part due to the multitude of Jews wailing and dumping all the despair on her causing her even to doubt Jesus' place.
- Jesus knew this as he declared in verse John 11:4;

John 11:4\* When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

This so that the Son of God may be glorified thereby

- Through this declaration of Martha we see that our view of Jesus needs refinement. Our view of Jesus needs to be that of verse John 11:4 and not just of martha's in verse John 11:22.

John 11: 23\* Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

- Jesus states plainly his intention to save her brother in hope that he can cut through all that man made doubt dumped on her by the Jews. Jesus always speaks clear in intent to his believers. He speaks parables to everyone else. That he can see their heart and plant a seed unto their willingness to seek.
- Jesus declares his purpose in power and assurance.
- He is honoring both his love and Martha worship of him.

John 11:24\* Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

- She still for our benefit does not quite get it. God knows us that are 'afar off' will question his nature and question his authority.
- Martha is still operating on book knowledge, she is still stuck in the wait for the Messiah mode. A lot of us stay in that mode even in our christian walk. We acknowledge his power but fail to believe it. He is worthy and able for our belief. He has told us "He shall rise again" in verse John 11:23;

John 11: 23\* Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

DO YOU BELIEVE?

- What more does she or we need?
- What she declares here also allows Jesus to declare forever his authority over death in the next verse.

John 11:25\* Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

Jesus makes it clear what is his purpose here and in the future with us. He is the resurrection and the Life.

Greek Lexicon

Resurrection = anastasis anastasis {an-as'-tas-is}

AV - resurrection, rising again, that should rise,  
raised to life again

- 1) a raising up, rising (e.g. from a seat)
- 2) a rising from the dead

- 2a) that of Christ
- 2b) that of all men at the end of this present age
- 2c) the resurrection of certain ones history who were restored to life (Heb. 11:35)

Life = zoe zoe {dzo-ay'}

AV - life, lifetime;

- 1) life
  - 1a) the state of one who is possessed of vitality or is animate
  - 1b) every living soul
- 2) life
  - 2a) of the absolute fulness of life, both essential and ethical, which belongs to God, and through him both to the hypostatic "logos" and to Christ in whom the "logos" put on human nature
  - 2b) life real and genuine, a life active and vigorous, devoted to God, blessed, in the portion even in this world of those who put their trust in Christ, but after the resurrection to be consummated by new accessions (among them a more perfect body), and to last for ever.

Greek Lexicon

Dead = apoyneskw apothnesko {ap-oth-nace'-ko}

AV - die, be dead, be at the point of death, perish, lie a dying, be slain, vr dead;

- 1) to die
  - 1a) of the natural death of man
  - 1b) of the violent death of man or animals
  - 1c) to perish by means of something
  - 1d) of trees which dry up, of seeds which rot when planted
  - 1e) of eternal death, to be subject to eternal misery in hell
- Those who knew him and were dead “that believeth in me” yet shall he live. Remember Jesus calls Lazarus his friend and we are told by Mary and Martha that Jesus loves Lazarus Verse 3;

John 11:3\* Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

- Jesus also calls Lazarus his friend in Verse 11;

John 11:11\* These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.  
This friend

- Moses was treated as a friend to God in;  
Exodus 33:11\* And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.
- Abraham was called a friend of God in;  
2 Chronicles 20:7 Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?
- Belief and Friendship with God are one as it was counted as to righteousness for Abraham in verse James 2:3 and for Lazarus John 11:11;

James 2:23\* And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

John 11:11\* These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

- Friend is the same root word in Greek in both verses; James 2:3 and John 11:11.
- So Lazarus was called a friend of God and righteous because he believed Jesus before Jesus was dead and risen. As he was called friend by Jesus.
- Jesus also declares his salvation to all who were dead at the time that knew God and believed him and were called his friend. Moses, Abraham and many others in the old testament.
- This declaration is unto the already dead not us. Look at the next verse. It is the next verse that speaks to us.

John 11:26\* And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

- The deliberate step by step instructions for them of the time and us that he lays out over and over again in his word so that we can “get it”.
- God’s wisdom is clear concise and not rash. Every word with purpose every statement built upon another. God knew we would be a thick generation so he provides the simplest of instructions. All we need to do is Just what he asks Martha. John 11:26” . . . Believest thou this?”

DO YOU BELIEVE?

- This declaration of power over death, for the yet alive. This is fundamentally different than the previous verse.
- The requirement is placed for belief in Jesus for those of us yet alive to receive eternal life. This is tested in Martha in this moment.

John 11:27\* She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

- Can you do what she did?
- Can you declare your belief?
- Do you have belief?
- Her view focused she knew he had the key. That he was the very presence of God on earth, the Messiah.
- She then submitted to him by declaring I believe that thou art the Christ the Son of God which should come into the world.
- Can you bring yourself to release your doubt and sorrow and depression to the one who can make you whole?
- Can you see the simplicity of his way. The only required action is your belief. In this belief you satisfy all things. He will move you further, once you submit.

## Greek Lexicon

Believe = pisteuw pisteuo {pist-yoo'-o}

AV - believe, commit unto, commit to (one's) trust,  
 be committed unto, be put in trust with,  
 be commit to one's trust, believer;

1) to think to be true, to be persuaded of, to credit, place confidence in

1a) of the thing believed

1a1) to credit, have confidence

1b) in a moral or religious reference

1b1) used in the NT of the conviction and trust to which a man is impelled by a certain inner and higher prerogative and law of soul

1b2) to trust in Jesus or God as able to aid either in obtaining or in doing something: saving faith

1bc) mere acknowledgment of some fact or event: intellectual faith

2) to entrust a thing to one, i.e. his fidelity

2a) to be intrusted with a thing

John 11: 28\* And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

## Why secretly?

- Martha having found salvation through belief now had some discernment applied to her judgement provided by Jesus Christ.
- Through Jesus she knew that they did not really need those comforters. In fact she knew from her new belief that some were false and poison to her and her sister.
- She knew from Jesus' statement and her profession of faith that Jesus was all she needed.
- She also knew her sister had not yet made that decision and was still full of grief so she wanted her to be afforded time to talk to Jesus alone.
- She wanted to draw her sister away so the vipers could not follow.

- She also did not trust those at her house. If she had she would have announced Jesus but did not.
- It is also to allow us a witness that we have to go to Jesus when called.
- You see Martha sent the messenger and Jesus came. She found him because She was actively seeking him. Mary was to be called to him. Mary would need to Go to Jesus.
- Martha calls her secretly because she did not want anything to get between Mary and Jesus.
- Be careful you do not allow anything to get between you and Jesus as well. Doubt, anger, grief, self preservation. Jesus Loves you completely he is enough.
- Do not allow well meaning people to get in your way. They may not be hearing God's voice. In your grief or in your time of need allow some time as Martha had to be alone with Jesus. To clear your view and correct your focus. It is really all you need.

John 11: 29\* As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him.

- Mary knew Jesus was the solution and rushed to see the answer to her prayers.
- Her faith was such that once called she came quickly. Without hesitation.
- Just as we should, who are called.
- When you get in a jam you need to rush to Jesus putting aside all the things of man that provide comfort. You only need Jesus. Nothing else will help you.
- Martha and Mary knew this and we need to know this too.
- They reacted in demonstration to us 'afar off'. Just another example of God's deliberate method of delivering his wishes to us. Martha and Mary showed us again how to act in our need.

John 11:30\* Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

- Jesus had set himself aside so that all who sought him would come. He had called by Mary's witness all who were there in Mary's house. Her witness was as it should be even if they did not understand the true nature of her action. They only knew she was moving to something urgent and felt they needed to be there too.

#### DO YOU WITNESS?

- He also gave them that sought power and influence a chance to come out to him. It had a greater impact that they had to gather amongst the group and seek comrades in their purpose and travel together to where Mary was going. Laying plans and discussing in the secret of the open, more of their thoughts.
- Gathering in groups of like minds and natures.

John 11:31\* The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.

- This goes back to the witness from the earlier verse. They did not want to miss any of the action and they wanted to be in the middle of the stuff going on.
- They also thought what better place to be observed weeping for Martha and Mary than at the grave site.
- Some may have also wanted to actually comfort her. Although it is unlikely. If there had been someone close enough to Martha and Mary to really care they would have told that person of Jesus' arrival.
- Picture a crew of people spilling out after Mary. Clothing flying and eyes wiped and dresses (obiea) and dishdasha being ruffled clean as the wailing people followed Mary out of her house. Depression going before them, weeping the announcement, sorrow, oppression of will, down heartedness, all festering in that house now spilled out into the street after Mary.
- Many did not want to be left behind so MANY as in verse

John 11:19\* And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

- Many Jews (people) all following Mary's witness, all unwittingly about to meet Jesus.

John 11: 32\* Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

- Witness Mary's emotions.
- First; She fell down at his feet, worship, submission in her sorrow, seeking hope in all this depression.
- Second; declaring her faith that if Jesus had been there Lazarus would not have died. She has declared Jesus' authority over death and in doing so declared her faith in Him. As well as witnessed that faith to all that had followed her.
- Third; She has hope that perhaps Jesus can now do something, anything to bring her hope.
- Her lesson to us:
  - Worship.
  - Declaration of faith.
  - Declaration of Jesus Power.
  - Declaration to Jesus of her problem.
  - Declaration to Jesus in Her hope in him.

John 11:33\* ¶ When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

Jesus saw the spectacle before him.

- He saw his friend and loved one before him destroyed in grief and depression.
- He saw the crew that was with her. Full of the devils and demons of lie, power, fear, hatred, guile, depression, unending sorrow, false love, false peace, misdirection, confusion, and destruction. Remember these were the following people:
- Many Jews knew that Jesus loved that family and it was probably thought that Jesus would be there to mourn Lazarus' death.
- This afforded a way for them to be "close to the power" but without having to declare their curiosity of Christ.
- Many of the Jews believed in their heart that Jesus was the Messiah from his teachings and his miracles and the testimonies from others who believed.
- They could say they were going to tend to Mary and Martha. They could be there in the event Jesus did some miracle. Kind of like the great revivals draw Christians, they want to be a part.
- Some may have believed that Martha and Mary would take favor with them due to the comfort they would give them and by their friendship be drawn to the Christ's power.
- Many just wanted to be in the "in crowd". Be where the happening was. The influence of people met and the side conversation it allowed. It was pretty much assured the truly powerful of the Synagogue would not be there so the underlings could use this as an excuse to speak with each other and plot. Any gathering not watched by the Romans or the Chief pharisees and scribes gave an opportunity to meet and discuss plans or initialize covenants.
- All but a few of Mary and Martha friends and family had an agenda of their own. A reason to be there for their benefit. Shallow, selfish, without caring for the burden they placed on Mary and Martha, without caring what the true situation was that they had lost a brother. Each in the color of chameleon.
- All seeking anything but what the innocent gentle soul Mary and Martha needed.
- Jesus saw her faith, belief, submission, witness and sorrow of loss and had mercy on her.
- What have you thought this meant?

Consider this:

- He groaned

Greek Lexicon

Groaned = embrimaomai embrimaomai {em-brim-ah'-om-ahee}  
from en en {en}

a primary preposition denoting (fixed) position (in place, time or state), and (by implication) instrumentality (medially or constructively) and brimaomai (to snort with anger);

AV - straightly charge, groan, murmur against;

1) to charge with earnest admonition, sternly to charge,  
threatened to enjoin

- in the spirit

Greek Lexicon

(I have selected the primary reference thus the number 3 in the lexicons usage lists. The word is pneuma as used in this scripture)

Spirit = pneuma pneuma {pnyoo'-mah}

AV - Spirit, Holy Ghost, Spirit (of God),  
Spirit (of the Lord), (My) Spirit, Spirit (of truth),  
Spirit (of Christ), human (spirit), (evil) spirit,  
spirit (general), spirit, (Jesus' own) spirit,  
(Jesus' own) ghost;

3) a spirit, i.e. a simple essence, devoid of all or at least  
all grosser matter, and possessed of the power of knowing,  
desiring, deciding, and acting, the spiritual nature of Christ, higher than the high-  
est angels and equal to God, the divine nature of Christ

- and was troubled.

Troubled = eautou heautou {heh-ow-too'} (including all other cases)  
from a reflexive pronoun otherwise obsolete and the genitive case  
(dative case or accusative case);

AV - himself, themselves, yourselves, ourselves,  
his, their, itself;

1) himself, herself, itself, themselves

- Did you get the definition of the word Groaned as used in this scripture in the Greek?

AV - straightly charge, groan, murmur against;

1) to charge with earnest admonition, sternly to charge,  
threatened to enjoin

- Jesus was upset at the spirits that were present and took accusatory admonition action against them. In his groan he was interceding in the Spirit doing battle with the minions present in the crowd which oppressed Martha and Mary.

- He knew what was going on and was doing battle for Martha, Mary, and Lazarus.
- Those He loved, and were his friends, who believed in him in his glory and strength. Just as you do Christian.
- He does the same warfare for you in the Spirit.
- Believe and count on him being there.
- He knows the hearts of all, including those around you. Including yours.

Why are you a Christian?

John 11:34\* And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

- Even they had circled around seeking his power, minions dancing about him and Martha and Mary. Affecting the Jews who were there even they had no clue why.
- They pointed to the grave and the minions danced with glee and amplified the depression, sorrow and all the other poisons of the heart that afflicted the Jews there.
- The moment had come what would come of this.

John 11: 35\* Jesus wept.

- Jesus loves all of us even the sinners. He was sent unto the Jews for their salvation. He saw the state of all there at the gravesite and took pity and mercy on all there his heart was torn not by Lazarus state as he knew the result. As He declared in Verse 4

John 11:4\* When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

- So he did not weep for Lazarus.
- He knew Martha and Mary believed in him and what he would do as in Verse John 11: 26 for Martha;

John 11:26\* And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

27\* She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

- Verse John 11:32 for Mary.

John 11:32\* Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

- So he did not weep for them, they knew him and were at peace.
- He wept for his people. They were here and now in his sight and could see him and yet they did not believe. They allowed the minions to run about them and feed them and lie in their ears even when Jesus was there.
- He also wept because he knew some of these would also be present when He was sacrificed at the Cross on their behalf and still they would not believe.
- He wept in mercy and anger both for they would see this miracle and still they would fall.
- As scripture states Matthew 12:38 - 41 and Matthew 13:13 - 17;

Matthew 12:38\* ¶ Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

39\* But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:

40\* For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

41\* The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

Matthew 13:13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

- He could not heal them all because they would not see or hear and it hurt his Spirit.
- Jesus also wept to demonstrate the difference between the true sorrow and the false sorrow of the minions that were about. To our benefit and witness us.

John 11:36\* Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

- They missed it not knowing it. They failed to see.
- They did not know to call on him or His Father, so they had no discernment no clue as to what was about to transpire.

- Jesus loves all and they did not know it because they did not see.
- Always seek the knowledge of God in all you do relying on your own understanding can end you up missing it just as these Jews had missed it.

Have you ever missed it?

Pray to our God for understanding.

John 11:37\* And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

- The minions stirred again as the many Jews had no understanding and they started accusing and reasoning among themselves marveling in their own understanding.
- Seeking the signs instead of the purpose of the signs.
- To demonstrate the True Love of Jesus for us.

John 11:38\* Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

- He again did battle with the minions there at that place. They wanted failure but he would not allow it. He also was angered at their hard hearts.

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John 11:39\* Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

- The demons were so at war with what was going on that even Martha forgot Jesus promise.
- She became lost for a moment in the world and forgot that Jesus was King of all these things.
- A lying spirit fooled her by posing itself as concern for Jesus. She allowed her reason, by way of the deception to forget Jesus' promise and power. It was for our benefit and the benefit of the Jews around them.
- This is a strong reminder to us 'afar off' that we should not replace the wisdom of God with our reason.
- It is a reminder that we need to always seek his face, Jesus wisdom, not our own.

- A further reason for the four day declaration is that some of the Jews believed that a mans spirit hung around the body looking for a chance to re-inhabit it but on the fourth day it gave up and left.
- All of Jesus other miracles dealing with death were either the same day or within the three day time frame. This was another powerful reason for Lazarus to spend four days in the grave.

John 11: 40\* Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

- With this truth he set Martha heart right.
- He also declared his intent to all the many Jews about this place.
- This way he magnified the witness of his act to all.

John 11: 41\* Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

John 11: 42\* And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

This is his prayer of Witness and declaration of power and prayer of Glory!  
It is a demonstration on how we as believers should pray in witness!

John 11:43\* And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

- Just as he calls all of us from our death so, he called Lazarus.
- He reached into death and declared himself Lord of it before all the Jews who had gathered.
- Can you imagine the silence as they waited in doubt to see what would come.
- Jesus has declared His power over death for those he love and call friend because of their belief in Him.

John 11:44\* And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

- We in death are bound.
- Hand and foot does the work of evil.
- Our face bound with a gauze napkin causing us not to see the truth.
- We do not have the power to remove these bonds.
- These bonds can only be removed by Jesus calling us out of bondage.

- He stirs the heart with his seed and our witness.
- He then at his time calls to us.
- We may not respond as he wishes but should so we can be set free.
- Jesus Has all power to all that bounds us.
- He says to all of us as we accept him loose him, and let him go.
- He declares this command to the devil who until that moment had us in sin which is death through Adam as stated in Romans 6:23 and Romans 5:12 among many others;

Romans 6:23\* For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:12\* Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

John 11:45 ¶ Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

- Jesus declaration in verse John 11:4 is fulfilled and we also may be moved to belief in this act of mercy to those Jesus loves;

John 11:4\* When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

- He loves us all and we should be grateful and honor his word and promise in covenant with him as stated in verses Matthew 15:21 - 28 and Romans 5:8;

Matthew 15:21\* ¶ Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

23\* But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

24\* But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

26\* But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

27\* And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

28\* Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Romans 5:8\* But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

- He will do many works if we only listen and honor his will as Martha Mary and Lazarus did.

Hebrews 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

- We need to be observant and see his will every day so we do not miss an opportunity to save more of the lost.

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

John 11:46 But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.

Even in the face of the miracle of life some fail to see.

John 11: 35\* Jesus wept.

## Summary

As I read this part of the Gospel I found it to be a description of the Salvation of Christ.

- It illuminates the Jews who still did not believe as they must have been around when Jesus raised from the dead and so they probably too were saved.
- No guile or anger shown in this Jesus mission.

John 11:3\* Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

- He simply re-iterates again and again that he is in charge of Death and sin.
- His declaration in verse 4.

John 11:4\* When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

- His demonstration of wanting us to learn of his power verse 15.

John 11:15\* And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

- His desire to have mercy if we believe and save us from death verse 25.

John 11:25\* Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

- His show of our nature as men in the “Many Jews” of verse 19.

John 11:19\* And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

- Our inability to have wisdom even when it is accomplished before us verse 46.

John 11:46 But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.

- Our doubt even after we have declared Jesus King of our lives verse 27.

John 11:27\* She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

- If this was the only art of the bible you had you would be able to achieve salvation.
- Jesus loved them that knew him and declared him lord.
- Jesus called from death one who loved and believed him
- Jesus loosed his bonds and uncovered his eyes
- Jesus did war fare with the devils imps
- Jesus risked his life for all of us even though we are an arrogant unbelieving generation.
- Most important he declares:

John 11:25\* Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26\* And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

## **Is Jesus enough for you ?**

Open up a discussion among you of this scripture to see the way each has seen the different people involved.

Thank you God for your guidance and peace. Thank you for your provision. Thank you for your many blessings. Thank you for the way my heart leaps when I discover you are revealing your truths to me.

Lord Here am I. Amen