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Who were Mary, Martha and Lazarus?

They were s_____ of one another and quite close to Jesus: "**Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.**" (John 11:5)

Where did they live?

In B_____ a village about **2 miles from Jerusalem.**"(John 11:18)

What was the disciples' reaction when Jesus said to them, "Let us go to Judea again" (John 11:7, 8,16)?

What did the sisters' message to Jesus say?

"Lord, behold, he whom You love is _____." (John 11:3)

How long had Lazarus been dead when Jesus arrived?

"He had already been in the tomb _____ days." (John 11:17)

How many days did Jesus wait before leaving for Bethany?

" _____ " (John 11:6).

Why did Jesus delay for two days?

So that there would be no doubt that Lazarus was indeed dead when Jesus resurrects him. Back then, any part of a day was counted as a day, so "two days" could have meant the morning after his death, and people could have

said he was never dead. "Four days" meant at least 3 nights, during which decomposition already would have started, so there would be no doubt that Jesus raised someone who had died.

Does Martha recognize Jesus' deity?

_____. At this point, she sees Him as just a "Teacher" (John 11:28 below) close to God: **I know that whatever you ask of God, he will give you.**

When did she think her brother would "rise again"?

What does Jesus mean by, "He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live"?

The souls of those who believe go to and live in heaven after physical death.

Then why does Jesus say, "whoever lives and believes in me shall never die"?

He is talking about _____ death which they will avoid.

Why did Martha tell Mary "secretly" (John 11:28) that Jesus is calling for her?

She may have been concerned that some of "**the Jews who were with her in the house**" (John 11:31) may have been among or informers of those who were seeking to arrest Jesus.

What did Martha & Mary say to Jesus when they saw Him?

(John 11:22 & 32)

Why did Jesus groan "in the spirit" and why was He "troubled" (John 11:33)?

Which is the easiest verse in the Bible to memorize?

The shortest verse: " _____ . " (John 11:35)

What original Greek expression was translated, "Jesus wept"?

The Greek verb translated, "**wept**" is *dakruo*, which means "to tear up in the eye" or "to shed tears". By contrast, the Greek verb translated, "**weeping**" in John 11:33 for the others is *klaio*, which means "to wail". So Jesus "wept" as in shedding tears while the people around Him were wailing.

So why did Jesus shed tears?

It was because He was spiritually saddened - "**groaned in the spirit**" (John 11:33) - by the unbelief of "**friends**" whom He "**loved**". There He was, weeks away from the cross, and even His close friends didn't fully believe in Him.

Is such unbelief something that would really drive God to tears?

Throughout Jesus' ministry, the one thing that He preached and demanded above all else is that people believe in Him - who He is, what He can do, has done and will do, and why. The lack of such faith in Him by those whom He loved was a source of profound sadness for Jesus back then.

Is it any different today?

No, and furthermore, given the number of cults, sects and wayward churches today, when someone claims to "believe" in Jesus, it's prudent to ask what it is that they believe to see if it matches what the Bible says about Him.

Do miracles guaranty belief?

What was the real concern of the Jewish leaders?

Losing their "**place**" (John 11:48) atop the Jewish social, economic and religious hierarchy.

What blocked them and what blocks many people today from accepting Jesus for who He is?

Three "P"s: their **Positions** (e.g., family, social and/or professional status), **Possessions** (e.g., wealth, lifestyle, toys), and **Passions** (e.g., adultery, homosexuality, pornography)

Does God issue prophecies only through godly people?

God uses whomever He wants to use, including those who oppose Him, even without them being aware, as in John 11:49-57.

John 11:53 says, "from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death", but hadn't they tried to kill Jesus already?

Some had, but this was now the Sanhedrin, the ruling council of Israel - "**the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council**" (John 11:47)

So what purposes, beside the obvious, did raising Lazarus as Jesus did achieve?

1. Converted some of the people who witnessed it (John 11:42).
2. Proved Jesus' power over death (John 11:26).
3. Provoked the Sanhedrin to plot His death (John 11:53).

Why did Jesus then avoid them and go to Ephraim?

The timing still had to be worked out.