

## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE:

## The Power to See

John 11:17-44 (NIV)

 $^{17}$  On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.  $^{18}$  Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem,  $^{19}$  and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.  $^{20}$  When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

<sup>21</sup> "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

- <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."
- <sup>24</sup> Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."
- $^{25}$  Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;  $^{26}$  and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
- $^{27}$  "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

<sup>28</sup> After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." <sup>29</sup> When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

<sup>32</sup>When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

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## John 11:17-44 (NIV) - cont.

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup> "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied.

35 Jesus wept.

<sup>36</sup>Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

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

<sup>38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

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

<sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

<sup>43</sup>When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

## **Prayers This Week**

West Siders:: Terry and Nancy Sullivan

West Side Ministry :: Deacons

Mali Children :: Kafoune and Aminata

Local Church :: All Saints Episcopal Church - Richland

**Additional Concerns ::** Robert & Margaret Storms, Lil Leggett, Gerry Wyatt, Dan & Sue Batchelder, George & Jan Jacobson, Janet Bell, Hideki Long, John & Martha Zimmerman, Kelsey Pratt, Kadi Hinkle, Tyler and Rochelle Holm, Dan & Andrea Gire and Family (death of Dan's father Terry on March 27)

In Military Service:: North Carolina-Mike Parkman; South Carolina-Adam Hardy; Illinois-Noah Ellis; Nevada-Jared Hoey; California-Charina Erhart, Devin Glade; Washington/Oregon-Jacob Ellis

This week we are praying for Amy Schammert with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Orlando (Florida). She recently wrote: "Two weeks ago, we gathered to celebrate twenty newly published scriptures that are bringing light to previously dark places for 4.8 million people in 13 countries. One represents 59 years of labor and sacrifice. Another was dedicated in part of a country that is embattled with violence. In the midst of the turmoil, God's book of hope in the midst of violence arrived. One is bringing light to a small group of just 350 in Vanatu-each known and loved by God."

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