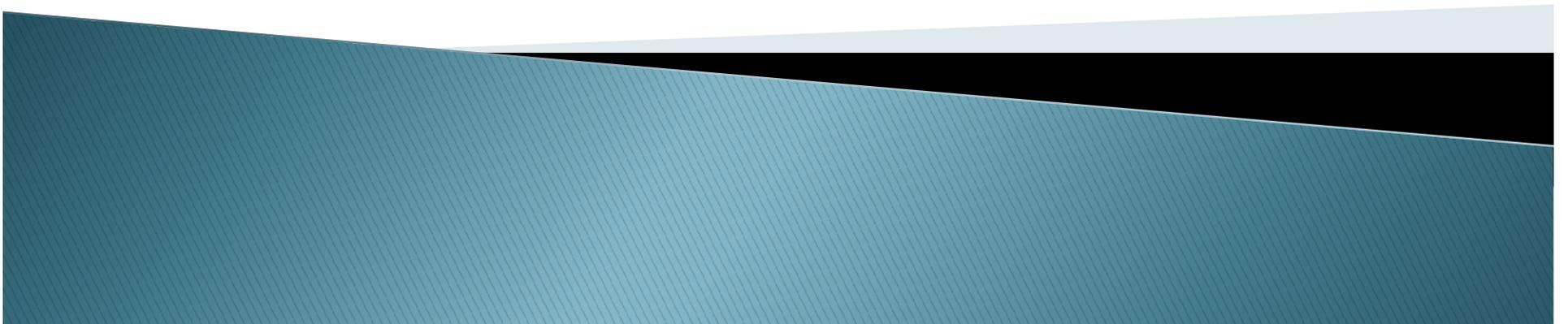


John 11:1-46

The Raising of Lazarus



The Setting

- ▶ Lazarus, brother of Mary and Martha
- ▶ The Two Villages called Bethany



Exchange With the Disciples

- ▶ *Let us go to Judea again*
- ▶ *The Jews were just now seeking to stone You*
- ▶ *Are there not twelve hours in the day?*
- ▶ *if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles*
- ▶ *Lazarus has fallen asleep*
- ▶ *I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe*



The Situation in Bethany

- ▶ *In the tomb four days*
- ▶ The importance of four days in the grave
- ▶ Jewish burial ceremony and mourners



Exchange with Martha

- ▶ *Lord, if You had been here*
- ▶ *Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You*
- ▶ *Your brother will rise again*
- ▶ *I know that he will rise again in the resurrection*
- ▶ *I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die*



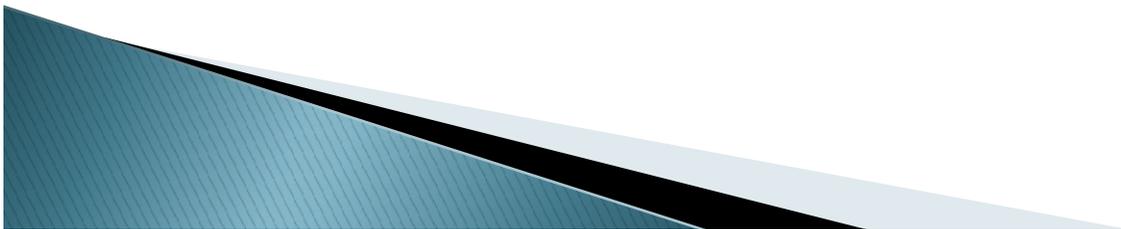
Exchange with Martha (cont)

- ▶ *Do you believe this?*
- ▶ *I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world.”*



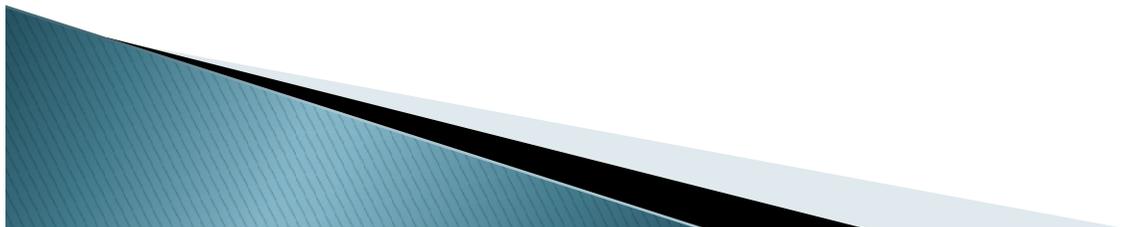
Mary's Missed Opportunity

- ▶ *“The Teacher is here and is calling for you.*
- ▶ *the Jews...followed her*
- ▶ *When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled*
 - Greek: *εμβριμαομαι (embrimáomai)*



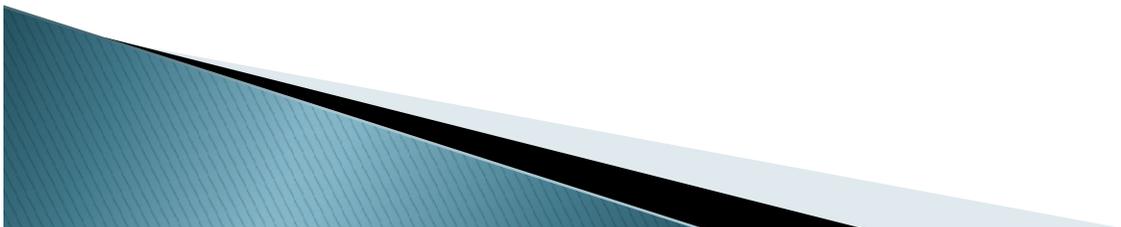
Mary's Missed Opportunity (cont)

- ▶ *“Where have you laid him?”*
- ▶ *Jesus wept*
- ▶ *Some of them said, “Could not this man...kept this man also from dying?”*
- ▶ *So Jesus, again being deeply moved within*



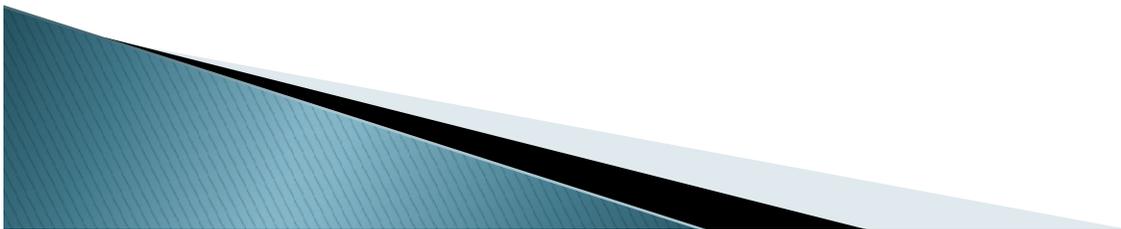
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- ▶ *Remove the stone*
- ▶ *there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days*
- ▶ *if you believe, you will see the glory of God*
- ▶ *I thank You that You have heard Me*
- ▶ *Lazarus, come forth*
- ▶ *Unbind him, and let him go*



Responses to Jesus

- ▶ *Many of the Jews who...saw what He had done, believed in Him*
- ▶ *Some of them went to the Pharisees*



What it Means

- ▶ Jesus is the life (John 1:4, 14:6)
 - As the life, death has no power against him (1 Corinthians 15:55).
 - He is the resurrection and the life
 - He can raise himself (2:19)
 - He can give life to His own (5:21)
 - He will raise us on the last day (6:44)
- ▶ Not all will believe
 - We must continue to sow seeds, regardless of the soil



What it Means

- ▶ Actions/works are insufficient by themselves
 - Even the raising of the dead did not change the hearts and minds of the hostile to Jesus
 - We must also speak the gospel (Rom 10:13–15)
- ▶ Our confidence is in Christ
 - He is the resurrection and the life
 - He is the way, the truth, and the life
 - We do not look to eternity, heaven, resurrection, etc. – we look to Jesus