

## John 11:7-16

The sickness and death of Lazarus was for the glory of God. That's also true in the life of a follower of Jesus Christ. Our frailty should cause us to draw closer to Him.

“Let **us** go to **Judaea**”

The ways of God sometimes look unreasonable to us, but there's always a purpose in His providence. We never have the full picture so it comes down to one question: Do we **trust** Him? Everything in our lives, every illness, every accident, every predicament is for His Glory and our good.

12 Hours.....

The ministry of Jesus could not be shortened or lengthened due to the efforts of the Jews or the disciples. He was safe until it was time for darkness, the darkness of the cross which He endured for the sake of His people. Here's a thought: You and I are indestructible until the moment God has prescribed for our lives to end.

Living in fear is an indication that \_\_\_\_ are in control. However, if your life is securely in the hands of a Sovereign God, then we should, we must, live boldly, proclaiming Christ as King.

Lazarus has fallen asleep. Sleep is often a euphemism for death in Scripture: Ps 116:15, Luke 16:22, Luke 22:43, John 14:2, II C 5:8, Phil 1:21, Phil 1:23. Did you know the word

cemetery means “a sleeping place?” However it's not the souls that sleep, it's the bodies there.

Jesus seemed to prepare his disciples for this difficult news: Lazarus is dead. His tender, gracious approach toward this fact regarding one of his followers ought to encourage us to enlighten others about our Savior. I do wonder if the disciples had forgotten about Jesus raising the widow's son or Jairus's daughter. One thing is for certain, death could not exist close to the Giver of Life, Jesus.

Jesus was glad Lazarus was dead?

Has your resurrection in Christ helped others glorify God? The impotent man in John 5, the blind man in John 9 and Lazarus in John 11 all picture sinners before being redeemed. The impotent man couldn't move toward Jesus, the blind man couldn't see Jesus to come and Lazarus, being dead, had no power, no ability whatsoever. Outside the voice of Jesus calling each one, they had no hope. When He did call, however, they came.

Thomas.....

Have you found shelter in the cleft of the rock?