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Lazarus, the brother of Mary (anointed the Lord w/ointment; wiped feet w/hair) was ill.

What does Mary and her sister Martha do at that point? **11:3** (1 day journey). See **10:31-39**

They sent a message to Him, Lord, he whom you love is ill. But, very dangerous to return!

What is Jesus' comforting reply? **11:4a** (day 2) Why's this death happening? **11:4b; Ps.24:7-10**

This illness does not lead to death! It's for the glory of God, that the Son my be glorified...

Why is **11:4** so important to us today? **12:28, 14:13; see Phil.2:11**

We need to understand that even illness and death for believers is to glorify Father/Son!

What is so baffling about **11:5-7?** (day 3, day 4 journey to Judea) **11:4; Isa.55:8-9**

Jesus loves Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. But intentionally waits 2 days to go to him! Dies!

What is the reaction of the disciples? **11:8; 8:59; 10:31 see 11:16**

You can't go back there! They will stone you for sure! But Thomas (doubting) shows love!!

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Uses Jewish proverb: always 12 hrs/day. Metaphor for duration of His ministry, the Light.

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If he's just fallen asleep, he will recover (wake up). Just 'normal' sleep. No urgency now!

So what does Jesus do to clear up the confusion? **8:13-14, 16:23-33**

Jesus states plainly that Lazarus has died. Only by His deity does He know! No messenger.

And what is His astonishing comment to them? **8:15, 12:30; IICor.4:15; IITim.2:10**

For your sake (faith building), I'm glad I was not there (to heal him). Dies that you believe!