

John Chapters 11 & 12

[The audio](#) is best-listened-to while reading along in your own Bible. But, you can also read it with cross-references and red-lettering for the words of Jesus here: <http://sidnash.org/b/zLB> . I will also include these two chapters here (KJV), including my comments:

[John 11:1-10](#) ¶ Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) 3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. 4 When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. 5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. 6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. 7 Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again. 8 His disciples say unto him, **Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?** 9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? **If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.** 10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is **no light in him.**

- [John 9:5](#) When I am in the world, **I am the light of the world.** (*Jesus*)
- [John 12:46](#) **I am come a light into the world**, that whosoever believeth on me may **not abide in the darkness.**(*Jesus*)

[John 11:11-16](#) These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that **I may awake him out of sleep.** 12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. 13 **Howbeit Jesus spake of his death:** but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. 14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, **Lazarus is dead.** 15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him. 16 Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, **Let us also go, that we may die with him.**

- Jesus spoke of human death as "sleep"(vs 11). See [1 Thessalonians 4:15](#) "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in no wise precede **them that are fallen asleep.** 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and **the dead in Christ** shall rise first;"
- Since the Jews sought to stone Jesus(vs 8), Thomas(Didymus) must have thought they too might be stoned(vs 16).

[John 11:17-27](#) ¶ Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain **in the grave four days** already. 18 Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs(about 3 Kilometers or 1.9 miles) off: 19 And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. 20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house. 21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. 22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. 23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. 24 Martha saith unto him, **I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.** 25 Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.** Believest thou this? 27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

- Notice that Jesus said that **His believers will not die.** He can say this because He considers the first death to be "sleep"(vs 11). Here are more sayings of Jesus on this subject:
- [John 10:28](#) And I give unto them eternal life; and **they shall never perish...**
- [John 5:24](#) Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life**, and shall not come into condemnation; but is **passed from death unto life.**
- [John 6:50-51,54](#) This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and **not die.** I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, **he shall live for ever...** 54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, **hath eternal life;** and I **will raise him up at the last day.**

- [John 8:51](#) Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, **he shall never see death.**
- Why will "he... never see death"? It is because he "hath eternal life" already. Even while he sleeps in what we call death, Jesus "will raise him up at the last day."
- [John 3:15-16](#)... **whosoever believeth in him["the son of man"(vs14)] should not perish,** but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world, that **he gave his only begotten Son,** that whosoever believeth in him **should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

[John 11:28-37](#) ¶ And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee. 29 As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him. 30 Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him. 31 The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there. 32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. 33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, **he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,** 34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. 35 **Jesus wept.** 36 Then said the Jews, **Behold how he loved him!** 37 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

- Notice that they had faith that Jesus could have prevented death, but may not have understood that **Jesus is the resurrection.**

[John 11:38-44](#) ¶ Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. 39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, **by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.** 40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? 41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. 42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that **thou hast sent me.** 43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. 44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

- Regarding verse 39, to discover additional significance of the body stinking after being dead for four days, see => <http://sidnash.org/BibleWords/diaphthora.html>

[John 11:45-46](#) ¶ Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him. 46 But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.

[John 11:47-48](#) ¶ Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. 48 **If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him:** and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

[John 11:49-53](#) ¶ And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, **Ye know nothing at all, 50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.** 51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, **he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; 52 And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.** 53 Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

[John 11:54](#) ¶ Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples.

[John 11:55-57](#) ¶ And **the Jews' passover was nigh at hand:** and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves. 56 Then sought they for Jesus, and spake among themselves, as they stood in the temple, What think ye, that he will not come to the feast? 57 Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should shew it, that they might take him.

[John 12:1-8](#) ¶ Then Jesus **six days before the passover** came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. 2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served:

but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. 3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. 4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, 5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? 6 **This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief,** and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. 7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. 8 For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

[John 12:9-11](#) ¶ Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 But the chief priests consulted that **they might put Lazarus also to death;** 11 Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

[John 12:12-19](#) ¶ On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, **Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.** 14 And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, 15 **Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.** ([Zechariah 9:9](#)) 16 These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him. 17 The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record. 18 For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle. 19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, **Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.**

[John 12:20-22](#) ¶ And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: 21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, **Sir, we would see Jesus.** 22 Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

[John 12:23-24](#) ¶ And Jesus answered them, saying, **The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.** 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but **if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.**

- Notice how Jesus connected **His glorification** with His death and how it would "bring forth much fruit". A few verses later, He said:
- [John 12:32-33](#) And I, if **I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.** 33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.
- Regarding Christ's glorification, I have another study which goes deeper into that subject => <http://sidnash.org/docs/ComforterSent.html>

[John 12:25-26](#) He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. 26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: **if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.**

[John 12:27-31](#) ¶ Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. 28 **Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.** 29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him. 30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. 31 Now is the judgment of this world: **now shall the prince of this world be cast out.**

- [Luke 10:18](#) ¶ And he(Jesus) said unto them, **I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.**
- In Job's day, I don't know if satan(and friends) was still living in Heaven, but he still had access, even to the throne of God where he made accusations against Job and God([Job1:6;21](#)). But later, "the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night". ([Rev12:1-17](#))
- My guess is they were cast out before or at Christ's death or maybe at His resurrection. But, I am very confident that satan was defeated in this war due to Jesus being tempted in all things like as we are, yet without sin. ([Hebrews 4:15](#))

[John 12:32-36](#) And I, if **I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.** 33 This he said, signifying what death he should die. 34 The people answered him, We have heard out of the law

that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man? 35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. 36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

[John 12:37-41](#) ¶ But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet **they believed not on him**: 38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?([Isaiah53:1](#)) 39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, 40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.([Isaiah6:10](#)) 41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

[John 12:42-43](#) ¶ Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: 43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

[John 12:44-50](#) ¶ Jesus cried and said, **He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.** 45 And **he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.** 46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. 47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 **He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.** 49 For **I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me**, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. 50 And **I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.**

- I think it very important to note that **Jesus spoke not His own words but the words of His Father, who sent him.** More on this subject from Jesus:
 - [John 17:8](#) For I have given unto them **the words which thou gavest me**; and they have received them, and have known surely that **I came out from thee**, and they have believed that thou didst send me. (Jesus, the only born of His Father)
 - [John 5:30](#) **I can of mine own self do nothing**: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because **I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.**
 - [John 8:26](#) I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that **sent me** is true; and **I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.**
 - [John 14:10](#) ... **the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.**
 - **This was also prophesied** in [Deuteronomy 18:18](#) I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and **will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.**
 - [John 14:31](#) But that the world may know that I love the Father; and **as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do...**
 - [John 15:15](#) ... **all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.**
 - [John 8:42](#) Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for **I proceeded forth and came from God(Jesus, the only born of His Father); neither came I of myself, but he sent me.**
 - [John 6:38](#) For **I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.**
 - [Revelation 1:1](#) ¶ **The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him... (notice that Jesus identified His Father as "the only true God" in Jn17:3)**
- It is interesting to note that **9 times in this lesson**, we saw Jesus referring to His Father who sent Him from Heaven to Earth. All together, just in the book of John, **Jesus said this at least 34 times!** Do you think this might be important for us to understand? <http://sidnash.org/b/Bu5>