



## Jesus Did What?

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### TODAY'S READING: John 11

How many close friends do you have? I mean really close friends. Friends that you can just let your hair down and be yourself around. Women have a much easier time than men do. And yet, to a point, we all really do not have many. For the most, part it is because of pride. We do not want people to know that we struggle in life, that we do not have it all together.

Jesus did not have many close friends we know of. He had the 12, and one of them was a traitor, so they added one. There was Paul, but except on the Damascus road there is no indication Paul ever met Jesus in the flesh. Of course, he knew about Jesus because for the Jews and Pharisees He was a big problem.

Mary, Martha and Lazarus were some of Jesus' good friends. It says in Verse 2 that Mary was the one who anointed Jesus' feet with oil and wiped them with her hair. There is the story in Luke 10 and then in John 12 where Jesus was in Bethany, just before the Passover, and Martha, Mary and Lazarus threw a big party with the main guest being Jesus. So, the brother and sisters were close to Jesus which makes Verses 5-6 very confusing.

Confusing why? Because Jesus was told of the illness of Lazarus. They must have thought that it was serious because instead of getting a doctor the went to get the Great Physician. Verse 6 says that when Jesus heard of Lazarus' illness He stayed two more days.

Hold it now, He did what? Stayed two more days. Jesus must not have been that close of a friend because if He was, He would have gone immediately to Bethany. Lazarus must have been like a Facebook friend. But then Verse 4 is the kicker. *"He is not sick unto death, but it was so the glory of God, and the Son of man may be glorified."*

This a rather telling story because we are the same as the sisters. When something happens in our life that is a trial or something we did not plan or expect, we wonder where Jesus is. Does He not see what I am going through? God, are You not paying attention? But God says the same thing that Jesus said. This is happening so the glory will go to God and the Son of God may be glorified.

What trial or temptation are you going through today? It could take a week, or weeks, month or even years before the pressure is off. But know that the end game is that God and the Son of God will be glorified.

**PRAYER:** Lord, help us be patient and receive the blessing in Your time, not ours.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** John 12

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