

“The Last Words of Jesus”

Moving Toward Easter
John 11:1-44 & Matt. 27:45,46

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Imagine “hope” – dashed to the ground broken in a thousand pieces as a piece of fine china! Hope . . . anchored in trust . . . the answer, the fix, Jesus! He had always been there! And then . . . He wasn't!

Context: Ah, the beloved Lazarus, loved so deeply by Jesus! Lazarus falls sick - but not to worry! The man/God “Master” who had healed so many lame, blind, sick . . . it is He who loves Lazarus! Word is sent to Him, but unknown why to the sender, He tarries . . . one day, two, three, four . . . Where IS He!!!!

John 11:1-16 Trouble in Jerusalem/Bethany

Vs. 17-29

Vs. 30-32

Vs. 33-37

Where was He!!! Imagine the hurt, the deep disappointment and subtle anger - surfacing for an indirect indictment against Jesus, “the man who opened the eyes of him who was blind, “Oh, couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?”

But, we are myopic – short sighted – we see from a human point of view . . . Jesus sees from a different, a clear vantage: “*The sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified by it.*” [11:4]

Vs. 38-44

Dashed hope and trust _____ with Lazarus! But the loneliness of waiting . . .

Matthew 27:45, 46

We often consider the enduring of the cross by Jesus as a relatively short encounter - but it was longer . . .

- ✓ _____ of the final _____
- ✓ The _____ night with His disciples
- ✓ The _____ of the _____ trial
- ✓ The _____ and _____
- ✓ _____
- ✓ The _____ by His Father
- ✓ _____ to _____

What part of this passage “caught your attention”?

Is God saying something to you? What is it?

How will you respond?