

Easter Weekend 2009

Our Ultimate Hope

I. Introduction

- A. John 11:3 (NLT) *So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick."*
- B. John 11:5-6 (NLT) *⁵So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, ⁶he stayed where he was for the next two days.*
- C. John 11:7 (NLT) *Finally, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea."*
- D. John 11:8 (NLT) *But his disciples objected. "Rabbi," they said, "only a few days ago the people in Judea were trying to stone you. Are you going there again?"*
- E. John 11:16 (NLT) *Thomas, nicknamed the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let's go, too—and die with Jesus."*
- F. John 11:21 (NLT) *Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died."*
- G. John 11:23-26 (NLT) *²³Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴"Yes," Martha said, "he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day." ²⁵Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. ²⁶Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?"*
- H. John 11:27 (NLT) *"Yes, Lord," she told him. "I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God."*
- I. John 11:33 (NLT) *When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled.*
- J. John 11:35 (NLT) *Then Jesus wept.*
- K. John 11:39 (NLT) *"Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, protested, "Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible."*
- L. John 11:40-41 (NLT) *⁴⁰Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?" ⁴¹So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me."*
- M. John 11:43 (NLT) *Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!"*
- N. John 11:44 (NLT) *And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"*

O. John 12:10-11 (NLT) ¹⁰Then the leading priests decided to kill Lazarus, too, ¹¹for it was because of him that many of the people had deserted them and believed in Jesus.

II. Conclusion