John 11:32

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Think about John 11:32-33. (Amplified Bible)

When Mary came [to the place] where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her sobbing, and the Jews who had come with her also sobbing, He was deeply moved in spirit [to the point of anger at the sorrow caused by death] and was troubled.

- Why were Mary and her Jewish comforters weeping and grieving?
- Why was Jesus angry and greatly troubled?
- What will Jesus do to his enemy Death?

<u>1Corinthians 15:25-26</u> For he (Christ) must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

<u>Revelation 20:13-14</u> And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades (the place of departed spirits) gave up the dead who were in them, ... Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

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Think about John 11:34-36.

And he (Jesus) said, "Where have you laid him (Lazarus)?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

- What did Jesus do when he came to the tomb of his friend Lazarus?
- Why?

<u>Romans 12:10-16</u> Love one another with brotherly affection. ... weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. ...

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Think about John 11:38-41.

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. ...

- How was Lazarus buried?
- What did Jesus command to be done?
- Why did Martha want to prevent this?
- What did Jesus say to Martha, and how did his words to her show the error in her heart?
- What can we learn from this? <u>Proverbs 3:5</u> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

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Jesus told Martha,

IF you *believe*, THEN you will *see* God's glorious work. (John 11:40) Thomas told the disciples,

IF I see, THEN I will believe God's glorious work. (John 20:24-25)

• What is the difference in these two position and which is more blessed by God?

John 20:29 Jesus said to him (Thomas), "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<u>1Peter 1:8-9</u> Though you have not seen him (Jesus the Christ), you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

• Humans have a saying: "Seeing is believing". Why is this not always true?

Luke 16:19-31 There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously (in luxury) every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, ... The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, ... I beg you, father, to send him (Lazarus) to my father's house – for I have five brothers – so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'