

John 11:39-40

Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

I think one of the hardest things to do as Christians is to trust in God. It's funny how we have written on our money "In God we trust", yet we put our trust in the money and not God.

Take today's devotional verses as an example. Here is Lazarus who died four days ago, Jesus comes on the scene and speaks with Lazarus' sister, Martha, and tells her to basically trust or believe in Him. She says she would, but as soon as Jesus told the people to do something that sounded ridiculous, like rolling the stone away from the tomb of a dead man who has been there for four days, Martha starts to question the Lord. *"Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."*

Jesus then has to remind her of their conversation that took place, possibly minutes ago.

† *Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"*

You know the end of the story as the stone is rolled away and Lazarus comes back to life after being dead for four days.

What would you do in this situation? *"Oh, I would believe Jesus and not question Jesus."*

Would you really, if you believe God can raise the dead, then why do you question him on little things like money, or your job, or your marriage or _____?

God can raise the dead but He can't fix these problems?

I must ask, what God do you serve? My God can do all things, how about yours?

But sometimes God will ask us to do something that sounds crazy, maybe not go to a graveyard and remove gravestones. But what if God asked you to quite your job, with no other job in site, would you do it? You could say yes, then start to think about all your responsibilities to your family and creditors. Would you soon start to doubt God because it sounded to crazy?

What Jesus told the people to do sounded crazy to Martha, but if she wasn't obedient, I wonder if Lazarus would have stayed there in that tomb?

Sometimes we don't understand why God does or allows things in our lives, and some of the stuff we know the Lord wants us to do sounds crazy. But remember with Martha's obedience to the Lord, she knew the joy once again of spending time with her brother.

I wonder what joy God has in mind for you?

I suppose you wont find out until you obey!

† **John 11:43-44** *Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."*