

CHAPTER 11

NOW a certain *man* was sick, *named* Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 (It was *that* Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

4 When Jesus heard *that*, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.

7 Then after that saith he to *his* disciples, Let us go into Judaea again.

8 *His* disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?

9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

16 Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

17. Then when Jesus came, he

found that he had *lain* in the grave four days already.

18 Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:

19 And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat *still* in the house.

21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give *it* thee.

23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

28 And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

29 As soon as she heard *that*, she arose quickly, and came unto him.

30 Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

31 The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.

32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

33. When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

35 Jesus wept.

36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

37 And some of them said,

Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been *dead* four days.

40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

41 Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up *his* eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus

saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

45. Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

46 But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.

47 ¶ Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

48 If we let him thus alone, all *men* will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

49 And one of them, *named* Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all,

50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.

51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation;

52 And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

53 Then from that day forth

they took counsel together for to put him to death.

54 Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples.

55 ¶ And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves.

56 Then sought they for Jesus, and spake among themselves, as they stood in the temple, What think ye, that he will not come to the feast?

57 Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should shew *it*, that they might take him.

CHAPTER 12

THEN Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

3 Then took Mary a pound of

ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, which should betray him,

5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

8 For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

9 Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

10 ¶ But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death;

11 Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

12 ¶ On the next day much peo-

ple that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed *is* the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

14 And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,

15 Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

16 These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and *that* they had done these things unto him.

17 The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.

18 For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.

19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.

20 ¶ And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:

21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

22 Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

23 ¶ And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will *my* Father honour.

27. Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, *saying*, I have both glorified *it*, and will glorify *it* again.

29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard *it*, said that it

thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me.

33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.

34 The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?

35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

37 ¶ But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:

38 That the saying of Esaias the

prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again,

40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with *their* eyes, nor understand with *their* heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

42 ¶ Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *him*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

44 ¶ Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.

46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the

world, but to save the world.

48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent

me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

In chapter 12 John records the final events in Christ's public ministry before the cross. Verses 35 and 36 warn against letting the opportunity for salvation pass by. John says (verse 36b), "These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them." In the verses that follow, John explains why Christ hid Himself and why the Jews were condemned. They had rejected the evidence (verse 37). The Light had been shining for more than three years, as Christ walked here on this earth and preached to them, yet they refused to believe and follow that Light.

Verse 48 gives the basis of all future judgment against mankind. "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." God has given us His wonderful Word for instructions in how to prepare to live and die. If we fail to follow these instructions, that same Word will judge us in the last day.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit" (Proverbs 12:17).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 36: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 10.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1918

THE BIRTHDAY OF BILLY GRAHAM.

1917

LENIN LED IN THE SECOND RUSSIAN REVOLUTION.

May we pray today for God to stem the tide of Communism. An acquaintance, when visiting behind

the Iron Curtain, saw little children at the start of the school day stand at attention. The teacher would say, "Lenin!" and the students would shout back, "Lenin lives!" The teacher would say, "Lenin lives forever," and the pupils would chant loudly, "Lenin lives forever!" As I heard this, I could hardly contain myself as I realized how we too should shout, "Jesus! Jesus lives! Jesus lives forever!" Our shout will be true. He is the only Leader who has overcome the grave and left an empty tomb as His trademark.

THE WEEK OF THE DEATH OF BILLY SUNDAY.

Another experience from Billy Sunday's life concerns the way that Billy prayed, as told by Mrs. Sunday. Oftentimes she said she would have to dress him for bed, for he had prayed himself so weak he could not change his own clothes.

She said that Billy would pray much of the time. He would be talking to a friend and then talking to God, and a bystander could hardly tell when he changed his conversation from the friend to God and back to the friend. To Billy Sunday prayer was a constant thing, a way of life. He prayed without ceasing. "Ma" Sunday said that he would be praying in the great campaigns before a great crowd and he would say, "Dear Lord, bless us here in a...in a...." Then he would stop and say, "Ma, where are we?"

Ma would say, "In Detroit, Pa."

He would say, "Yes, Lord, bless us in Detroit." Then he would say, "Ma where we gonna be next week?"

"Down in Des Moines, Pa."

"Yes, Lord, bless us down in Des Moines."

This was the prayer life of this great saint. Each of us should dedicate himself to a greater prayer life. Spend some time in prayer today.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1775

Lord Dunmore, deposed royal governor of Virginia, issued proclamation which promised freedom to male slaves who joined the British army.

1837

Elijah P. Lovejoy murdered by proslavery mob while defending his press in Alton, Illinois.

1841

Slave revolt on the Creole, which was en route to New Orleans, from Hampton, Virginia. Rebels overpowered crew and sailed ship to the Bahamas, where they were granted asylum and freedom.

1876

President Rutherford B. Hayes and Samuel J. Tilden claimed the presidential election. Republicans and Democrats claimed elections in Louisiana, South Carolina and Florida.

Edward A. Bouchet received the Ph.D degree in physics at Yale University and became the first black to receive a doctorate at an American University.

Edward Bannister, the first black artist to win wide critical acclaim, awarded prize at Philadelphia Centennial Exposition for his work Under the Oak.

Meharry Medical College established at Central Tennessee College.

1909

Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver organized in Mobile, Alabama, by four Posephite priests and three Catholic laymen.

1916

Woodrow Wilson reelected president.

Spingarn Medal awarded to Col. Charles Young, U.S. Army, for organizing the Liberian constabulary and establishing order on the frontiers of Liberia.

Fifty blacks were reported lynched in 1916.

1934

Arthur L. Mitchell defeated Oscar DePriest in a Chicago election and became the first black Democratic congressman.

1955

Supreme Court in Baltimore case banned segregation in public recreational facilities.

1967

Carl B. Stokes elected mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, and Richard G. Hatcher elected mayor of Gary, Indiana. Stokes was sworn in on November 13, and became the first black to serve as mayor of a major American city.

A report of the Senate Permanent Investigating Committee said there were seventy-five major riots in 1967, compared with twenty-one major riots in 1966. The committee reported that eight-thirty persons were killed in 1967 riots, compared with eleven in 1966 and thirty-six in 1965.

Spingarn Medal presented to Edward W. Brooke for his public service as the first black U.S. senator since Reconstruction.

1970

Race riots, Daytona Beach, Florida.

1978

Five newcomers elected to Congress: William Gray III (Pa.) Bennett Stewart (III.), Melvin Evans (R., Virgin Islands), Julian Dixon (Calif.) and George Leland (Tex.).

Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally defeated in California election.

Senator Edward W. Brooke defeated in Massachusetts election.

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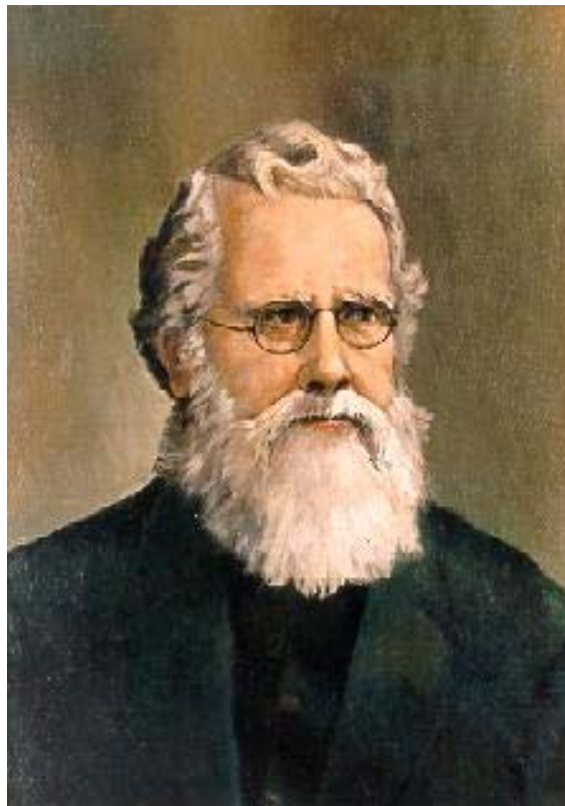
L. Douglas Wilder became the first black governor in the U.S. (Virginia).

A Christian Life . . .

JAMES HUDSON TAYLOR (1832-1905)

Pioneer missionary. James Hudson Taylor was born in Barnsley, England. He was the son of a Methodist minister. After studying medicine and theology, he went to China in 1854 as a missionary under the auspices of the China Evangelization Society. In 1858, after working in a hospital for four years, he married the daughter of another missionary. He returned to England in 1860 and spent five years translating the New Testament into the Ningpo dialect. He returned to China in 1866 with 16 other missionaries and founded the China Inland Mission. In 1870 his wife and two of their children died of cholera. He remained in China and before his death established 205 mission stations with 849 missionaries from England, and 125,000 witnessing Chinese Christians.

He died in Changcha, China, in 1905.



Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:

Divine inspiration evident in that the scriptures correct those who are trapped in error.

C. THE ERROR THAT GOD IS TOO KIND TO DAMN ANYONE

(Assignment 36)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

() Psalms 9:17

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

() II Thessalonians 1:7

And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

() II Thessalonians 1:8

In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

() II Thessalonians 1:9

Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

() Revelation 20:10

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.