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John 11:1-13

1 A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha. 2 This is the Mary who later poured the expensive perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair. Her brother, Lazarus, was sick.

3 So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling Him, "Lord, Your dear friend is very sick." 4 But when Jesus heard about it He said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this." 5 So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, 6 He stayed where He was for the next two days. 7 Finally, He said to His disciples, "Let's go back to Judea." 8 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?" 9 Jesus replied, "There are twelve hours of daylight every day. During the day people can walk safely. They can see because they have the light of this world. 10 But at night there is danger of stumbling because they have no light." 11 Then He said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up." 12 The disciples said, "Lord, if he is sleeping, he will soon get better!" 13 They thought Jesus meant Lazarus was simply sleeping, but Jesus meant Lazarus had died.

John 11:9-10

9 Jesus replied, "There are twelve hours of daylight every day. During the day people can walk safely. They can see because they have the light of this world. 10 But at night there is danger of stumbling because they have no light."

What point was Jesus teaching here?

Psalm 39:4-7

4 "Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is.5 You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand. My entire lifetime is just a moment to You; at best, each of us is but a breath." Interlude 6 We are merely moving shadows, and all our busy rushing ends in nothing. We heap up wealth, not knowing who will spend it. 7 And so, Lord, where do I put my hope? My only hope is in You.

Who wrote Psalm 39? Why would anyone want to be reminded how brief their time on this earth is?

*See Psalm 90:10; James 4:14; Psalm 139:16

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Eph. 2:10

So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psa. 90:12

*See Ephesians 5:17

How do we gain a heart of wisdom?

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,... Prov. 9:10a

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise. Prov. 11:30

How do we go about living our purpose? How do we live for why we are here? *See Matt. 22:37-39

Those who accept My commandments and obey them are the ones who love Me. And because they love Me, My Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal Myself to each of them." John 14:21

*See 2 Peter 3:9: James 4:8

Psalm 39:6

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What is this verse talking about?

Matthew 7:19-21

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

What is David's conclusion about His purpose and future?

Psalm 39:7

And so, Lord, where do I put my hope? My only hope is in You. *See Psalm 31:15

Other Bible Verse References for Study: John 10:28-29; Romans 10:9-13