

## John 11:30-38

**John 11:30-32** – *“(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.”*

A. Mary goes to Jesus at the place where Martha had seen our Lord (**John 11:20**) and says the same thing Martha said (**John 11:21**).

1. Mary was right; Jesus could have prevented Lazarus's illness (**John 11:1**) from causing him to die (**Matthew 9:35, Matthew 12:15, Matthew 14:14, and Luke 5:17**).
2. Healing the sick and raising the dead were equal miracles (**Matthew 10:8 and Acts 9:32-42**).
3. As we learned in our discussion of what Martha and Jesus discussed; Jesus certainly was capable of healing one who was ready to die (**John 4:46-54**).

B. There was multiple Mary's mentioned, in the Scriptures, during the life of Christ (**Matthew 27:56, Luke 8:2, and John 19:25**).

1. We know for sure whom Mary the mother of Jesus is (**Matthew 1:18 and Acts 1:14**).
2. When Mary is mentioned with Lazarus and/or Martha, we know what Mary we're talking about (**Luke 10:38-42 and John 11:1-2**).
3. Then, there are texts that make it unclear which Mary we're reading about (**Matthew 27:61 and Matthew 28:1**).

**John 11:33-36** – *“(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!”*

A. Jesus was observant and compassionate (**Matthew 9:36-38**).

1. Our Lord acted compassionately (**Matthew 15:32-39**).
2. It is comforting to know we have a Lord that understands the sorrows we face in the flesh (**Hebrews 2:16-17 and Hebrews 4:14-16**).

B. Jesus showed emotion (**Hebrews 5:7**).

1. We see Jesus react similarly in sighing in His spirit when He was frustrated over the Pharisees seeking more signs from Him (**Mark 8:10-13**).
2. Jesus wept again when He came to Jerusalem (**Luke 19:41-44**; cf. **Psalms 119:53; 136; 158**).

**John 11:37-38** – “(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.*”

A. The Jews questioned why Jesus allowed Lazarus to die (**Psalms 78:17-20, Matthew 27:40-42, Luke 23:35, and Luke 23:39**).

1. This is not new for our Lord, for He knew He'd face disdain from those who He came to save (**Isaiah 53:3**).
2. Jesus even knew that He'd be mocked all the way up to His death (**Matthew 20:19 and Mark 10:32-34**; cf. **Matthew 27:31**).

B. There was some watching what Jesus would do because they were spies (**John 11:46**).

1. It grieves our Lord to see impure motives when He's trying to help the lost (**Mark 3:1-5**).
2. God has always grieved over the erring (**Genesis 6:6, Psalms 95:10, and Isaiah 63:10**).