

The Master's Call. . . John 11

I want you to consider a very familiar story in the earthly ministry of Christ. This story is about the raising of Lazarus from the dead as given in John 11. We could take a great deal of time telling all the story, but my intent is to give you the major details and then to fasten our thoughts on a basic truth.

He had many earthly friends, but none closer than the family of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Their home seemed to be the favorite place for Christ to stop, or to rest. Here were people who loved the Lord Jesus, who seemingly understood Him, who sought out his friendship, who learned, and communed at the Savior's feet. One day, Lazarus, whom Christ loved was ill. They sent messengers to Christ to bear the news to seek for Him to come immediately. I am sure they expected Him to come quickly. Their thought was "Surely He will come. . . He whom thou lovest is sick!" The time sequence of things was that Lazarus died the very day that the messengers arrived to tell Jesus. Christ Jesus was four days coming to where they were, to the home in Bethany. Then Christ came to meet them; to be with them.

Martha calls for her sister with the words, "***The Master is here and he calleth for thee!***" *I want to announce today that the Master is here and he calleth for thee! Let us dwell upon these words and their meaning to us, now, today!*

Consider the Words of Jesus to Martha:

I. THERE IS POWER IN CHRIST'S PRESENCE: Who is this ONE?

1. The **Creator** of ALL, the King of King, and the Lord of Lords is Here.
2. Many other **names** are given concerning Christ in the New Testament. Consider the "*I Am's* -- **I AM** the way, the truth, the life, (Jh 14) the door, (Jh 10:9) the bread, (Jh 6: the living water (Jh 4:
3. This **One** who is Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent. .. who made all things and has all power. This one who never changes is **here!**
4. The **Master** who is **Sovereign**, who calmed the boisterous waves, who dared to reach out and touch the leper and cleanse him, who gave sight to the blind, made the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak. . . who restored life, **He Is here!**
5. The One who said, "*The Father and I are One!*"
6. This is the ONE of whom she said to her sister "*The Master is **here** and calleth for **YOU!***"

I would desire to **impress** you individually, **personally**...that Christ is **here**.. NOW! He cares, He is concerned about You, and especially about your **relationship** to Him. No matter how large your problem, how difficult how **great** your heartache, or sorrow, how detailed and complex your problem... the Master is here. *We put more stock into what we can see, feel, touch, smell or hear. . . but the Master is **HERE** and there is power in His presence!*

II. THERE IS PURPOSE IN CHRIST'S PRESENCE: "and calleth for thee!"

He Calls Us to Commune With HIM! Mary oft sat at the feet of Jesus to hear His words, to be taught of Him and then no sorrow!

Now all was **changed**, it was time to bow to His will, time to be **alone** with Christ. Do you know Jesus as **yours** so you can commune with Him? Can you, **midst** the cares of this world bring those heartaches to Him? Have you **neglected** a relationship with HIM?

He Calls All of Us To His Salvation! II Cor 5:21; I Pet 2:24; I Tim. 2:5
Have you come to Christ Jesus for Salvation? To be free from guilt, to accept HIM, to be free from wrath and condemnation is what He offers you! Jh 3:16 Is He your **personal** Savior and friend? John 3:16-17; I John 5:11-13 John 1:12;
I Tim. 1:15 Acts 16:31; Rev. 20:17; Isa. 1:18

He Call us to experience His compassion: He is the great comforter so come to receive His Divine consolation. Do we resist His love, his care? He said, *“How oft would I have gathered thee as a hen gathereth it’s chickens. .. but you would not!”* John 1:11; He wants you to rest your troubled heart and soul with Him.

Yes, He is here, and He calleth for you... and He has many **purpose!** Why not come?

III. THERE IS A PERSONAL ASPECT IN HIS PRESENCE! *“He calleth for **thee.**”*

1. He Calls for **YOU**. This is a personal pronoun; this is very personal, it is singular.
2. We can’t come to him as a **herd** for this is a very personal thing.
3. We can’t deal with Christ in generalities! Nicodemus, who came at night, tried to deal with Jesus in generalities. This just does not work. You can lose yourself in a crowd here on this earth but not with HIM. (Psalm 139)
4. Jesus would meet your heart need today, as if you were alone, the only person in this room as though there were no others!
5. A woman, sick for many years, who has spent on doctors who did no help her, came and in the crowd touched the hem of his garment as an impersonal thing, but He said, *“Who touched me!”*

So He is concerned that you come to Him, trusting being open and honest about your own heart need.

Yes, He calls for **YOU**...

to **come** to Him, to **hear** His Words

To **heed** Him.

to **listen** to His **message** to your heart!

to hear... **accept.** Jh 11:25-26

Consider: Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 6:23; John 1:12