**Spiritual Food for Isolation - John's Gospel 11**

Thank you for joining us - may God bless our time together with Him.

**1) Aperitif:** On Christ the solid Rock I stand: [**Click me for words/music**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fembed%2F7IAH5RPlypY%3Fautoplay%3D1&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C372c0c667a70425576bc08d7f34c77ea%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382061680976&sdata=YOkJ8cNM9wI%2FnhT7ZHDDyS%2BhcRnnwNXu6lNjE1dMz04%3D&reserved=0).

**2) Prayer/Grace:**Almighty God, nothing is impossible for You. You Created the universe, You can control the storms, You can heal sickness (including viruses!), cure the lame and the blind, and raise the dead back to life. We know You have the ability to eliminate all suffering, and yet we suffer. Help us Lord, to trust in You, to pray with faith in what You are able to do, but to know You have the eternal perspective and will always do what is ultimately for our benefit. Thank You for the promise of resurrection to eternal life for all who trust in Jesus, and Holy Spirit, please remind us that this world is just temporary. May our love toward others reflect our trust in You, and our desire to meet not only their temporary needs, but their eternal needs too. For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**3) Our main course;** the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to the Apostle John, chapter 11: [**Click me to read**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.biblegateway.com%2Fpassage%2F%3Fsearch%3DJohn%2B11%26version%3DNIVUK&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C372c0c667a70425576bc08d7f34c77ea%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382061690966&sdata=%2FoT%2BOR3wWbxPtHQ1%2BGCjjPoxDhrrjQzTX9SX%2FrQhOWA%3D&reserved=0)**-** [**Click me to listen**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.biblegateway.com%2Faudio%2Fsuchet%2Fnivuk%2FJohn.11&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C372c0c667a70425576bc08d7f34c77ea%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382061690966&sdata=W5iFvT2YiIEye20amckzKXDr0Aic3vVjTbpzpEzgxsA%3D&reserved=0)

**4) Chewing it over;** after reading today's chapter, take your time to think through the following:

 - v2, John writes here about Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. There are several (four) women named Mary in the Gospels – can you identify/distinguish them? ([Click here for some help](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gotquestions.org%2Fhow-many-Marys.html&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C372c0c667a70425576bc08d7f34c77ea%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382061700968&sdata=4YpbNV3fbuZPasWNsOFVHwJbSOLZb4mBKaQ2z%2BJj9kQ%3D&reserved=0))

 - v4, ‘This illness will not end in death’…and yet Lazarus did die. Can you imagine what Jesus’ disciples thought?

 - v4, Similar to Jesus healing the man born blind (John 9v3) this illness, and subsequent death, is all a part of Jesus’ signs which were given to demonstrate His divinity and God’s glory. Think of a time when you or someone you know was seriously ill, or a Christian who suffers from some kind of emotional, psychological, or physical disability – how might it be used for God’s glory?...is it necessary for us to know?

 - v11-14 why does Jesus call death, ‘sleep’? What are the similarities? Do you think we go straight to heaven when we die, or are we kept in ‘sleep’ until we hear His voice? (see also [1 Corinthians 15:50-57](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.biblegateway.com%2Fpassage%2F%3Fsearch%3D1%2Bcor%2B15%26version%3DNIVUK&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C372c0c667a70425576bc08d7f34c77ea%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382061700968&sdata=yQGF%2FQwKK0gLa5aElXq7KNo2Ra2S4J5EB%2FKtIq4IN1k%3D&reserved=0); and [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.biblegateway.com%2Fpassage%2F%3Fsearch%3D1%2Bthess%2B4%26version%3DNIVUK&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C372c0c667a70425576bc08d7f34c77ea%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382061710956&sdata=zuO9TyW087gI5yX4WbmjfLeLQG3myxfOxDDtH3ZasTw%3D&reserved=0))

 - v24, when is ‘the last day’?...is it a literal 24 hour period?...our last day living before we die?...is it referring to a time period whenever Jesus calls the dead in Christ to rise, and the living believers to be reunited with them in heaven?... (this is sometimes known as ‘the Rapture of the church’: see also [1 Corinthians 15:50-57](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.biblegateway.com%2Fpassage%2F%3Fsearch%3D1%2Bcor%2B15%26version%3DNIVUK&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C372c0c667a70425576bc08d7f34c77ea%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382061710956&sdata=Cx7LMNKugn1AxgwA%2FDruqJrc9gaPCpwIik9OrJ4Jj2Q%3D&reserved=0); and [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.biblegateway.com%2Fpassage%2F%3Fsearch%3D1%2Bthess%2B4%26version%3DNIVUK&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C372c0c667a70425576bc08d7f34c77ea%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382061720946&sdata=6ZE%2BvhDiLPaEoqCG88CjxWHPyOzVvfCrpURTTaJbY%2FM%3D&reserved=0))

 - v27-32, the believers clearly had a strong faith in what Jesus was able to do, but it was limited by the thought of Jesus bringing someone to life after 4 days. Was the delay, then, a way of expanding and strengthening their faith in Jesus’ divinity and ability?

 - v25-26, this is an amazing promise. Do you believe this?

 - v35 is said to be the shortest verse in the entire Bible. What does it tell us about Jesus? Why was He crying? Given that Lazarus was about to come back to life; are tears appropriate?...What would have been best for Lazarus at this point?

 -v37 see how big an impact the previous miracle had made regarding His divinity

 - Jesus can turn water into wine, calm storms, heal the blind and raise the dead…so why does He not provide a miracle of healing in our lives when we ask?...Is the knowledge that He ‘could’ perform a healing enough to be assured that He has a reason not to do so?...or do we feel He doesn’t care?...if someone said ‘How can a good God allow suffering?’…what would your response be?

 - compare v45 & v53, as is often the case, Jesus becomes a polarising figure....to what extent is this still true today?...is our message polarising?

 -v48 can you see the irony?

**5) Digestif:** Josh Wilson - 'Before the morning': [**Click me.**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DN_LG2vyD3Yw&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C372c0c667a70425576bc08d7f34c77ea%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382061720946&sdata=%2F6kBSUS7wxwEmtlo6Y%2Bu0jOQ2AG1dMquH6nSk6UOG%2BU%3D&reserved=0)then press 'f' for fullscreen

**6) Snacks:** Is same-sex attraction a sin?  [**Click me.**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fembed%2Foeyq_ZO4YMw%3Fautoplay%3D1&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C372c0c667a70425576bc08d7f34c77ea%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382061730944&sdata=JICVINSXnpIBiwHMH4RoFVAr9KRK47wNS217EJddX3E%3D&reserved=0)

**7) Supper:**  Living Waters University: What about dinosaurs, Noah, and suffering?[**Click me**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fembed%2FkOqBlU8SzRE%3Fautoplay%3D1&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C372c0c667a70425576bc08d7f34c77ea%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382061730944&sdata=tei%2FEv2qQSWkb3yT9HZlUhyylGGpmPqd5GoJXOoyRKA%3D&reserved=0)

**8) Midnight Feast!** Is suffering compatible with a loving God?: [**Click me**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fembed%2Fv2fWxoqiXco%3Fautoplay%3D1&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C372c0c667a70425576bc08d7f34c77ea%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382061740940&sdata=hYELmE76sJEHEJOyJCt3QQlDgKFokJKLhSTSKptfG1k%3D&reserved=0)

***But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.***

***Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give***

***the reason for the hope that you have.***

***1 Peter 3:15***

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