

Sermon ~ Sunday, April 17, 2022, by Pastor, Dwight Benoit

Text: John 11: 50 (John 11)

Title: "HE did *it* for Me. HE'LL do *it* your You!"

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

NLT ~ "You don't realize that it's better for you that one man should die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed."

Question? What *did* **JESUS** do for Me?

--I'm an unquestioned *miracle*, that even the most hostile spectator could *not* deny!

--**HE came** to live as **GOD** among us! (**EMMANUEL**—Matthew 1: 23)

HE came and *found* me (*I was lost*) and *saved* a 'wretch like me!' (Romans 7: 24)

--**HE came** to *make me free* from the 'age old fear of bondage to *sin*.'

The problem, Satan: He held the power of death over me. (Hebrews 2: 14)

The SOLUTION, **JESUS CHRIST**—**HIS resurrection** from the *dead*... **HE destroyed** Satan's power.

Death is no longer a '*closed door*' that shuts us *in*, BUT, an '*open door*' to Eternal Life, Life more abundantly.' (John 3: 16; 10: 10)

Like *Lazarus*, at the opening of John 11, it *shows* what happens to a *sinner* when he or she *trust* **JESUS** as their *personal* **LORD** and **SAVIOR**...

- *Lazarus* (the *friend* of **JESUS**, **WHOM JESUS loved**) died, and was buried. (John 11: 4) (Romans 3: 23; 6: 23)

ALL, *lost* people are *spiritually dead*. But like *Lazarus* (who was dead for four days now), most are more "*decayed*" than others. But no one can be more '*dead*' than the other!

But **JESUS raised** *Lazarus* from the *dead*... "**Verily, verily I say unto you, he that heareth MY WORD, and believeth on **HIM** that sent **ME**, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation: but is passed from death unto life.**" (John 5: 24)

- *Lazarus* was *raised* from the *dead*, by **The Power of GOD through JESUS CHRIST**. (I Corinthians 15: 3, 4, 14)
- *Lazarus* was *made free* from 'the grave clothes.' (John 11: 44, "...loose him and let him go." [Note, not 'let him go free!']
"If [*since*] YE then be risen with **CHRIST**, seek those things which are above, where **CHRIST sitteth** on **The Right Hand of GOD**. Set your affection on things above, not on things of the earth." (Colossians 3: 1, 2)

As you read on in John's Gospel, there is NO recorded words of *Lazarus*. BUT his *walk*, his *sitting* at tables of fellowship, his *life* and *living*, convinces some to 'believe in **JESUS**,' while others, *plot*, to do away with **HIM**! (John 11: 45-50)

The words of *Caiaphas*...

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--*Caiaphas* is a stereotype. That is, widely held but fixed *image... idea...* of who others wanted him to be... knowing that it's not him.

--*Caiaphas* chooses to *insult* the understanding of his audience.

--*Caiaphas* chooses to be seen as a *Pharisee* (strict religious **SCRIPTURE** keeper) but really a *Sadducee* (does not believe in **The SCRIPTURE**—The *Resurrection* from the dead).

--*Caiaphas* was appointed to his *position* by the Romans to be ‘their real’ spiritual leader (Only a j-o-b).

--*Caiaphas* was full of ‘self’ because of “fear.”

--*Caiaphas* was a “self-centered” person because of “fear.”

--*Caiaphas* feared of losing something... which caused him to *reject* and *oppose* others.

Mind you,

--Fear of *losing* one's *esteem* (respect), *recognition*, *followings*...

--Fear of *losing* one's *place*, *position*, *influence*, *authority*, *j-o-b*, *comfort*, *security*...

--Fear of *losing* their *nation*... *most* want to control all he or she has; *most* want to do their own thing; *most* want to have *no interference* in what they know as ‘*my life*’ and ‘*my dreams*.’

And when **JESUS** comes along demanding, “If any *man* will come after **ME**, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow **ME**.” (Luke 9: 23)

Most reject and *oppose*!

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--*Wounded* for me (3 x's) **HE** was *wounded* for me.

Gone my transgressions and now I'm free, all because **JESUS** was *wounded* for me!

--*Dying* for me (3 x's) **HE** was *dying* for me.

Gone my transgressions and now I'm free, all because **JESUS** was *dying* for me!

--*Risen* for me (3 x's) **HE** was *risen* for me!

Up from the grave, **JESUS** *rose* for me! Now evermore from death' sting I am free, all because **JESUS** was *risen* for me!

--*Coming* for me (3 x's) **HE** is *coming* for me.

Oh, what **JOY**, **HIS** dear Face I shall see. Oh, how I'll *praise* **HIM**! **HE'S** *coming* for me!!!