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What is the glory of God?

Much is said about the glory of God in the Bible.

Listen to what the Psalmists have said.

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***So what have we learned of His glory?
 His glory has been revealed by His works.
 His glory is associated with His majesty, and His Name.***

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He was saying what we saw was the glory that belongs to the Father.

So what was it they saw?

According to what we have learned from Paul in Corinthians, the glory of the Lord can only be recognized by Holy Spirit quickened sight.

The natural man cannot see or know the things of God.

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John 5:36-37 NIV "I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the very work that the Father has given me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has Himself testified concerning me. You have never heard His voice nor seen His form."

The glory of surpassing grace, love, tenderness, wisdom, purity, spirituality; majesty, meekness, richness, poverty, power, and weakness, meet together in Him.

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Jesus is addressing two wonderful facts.

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Does the Lord's work give a manifestation of God's glory?

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His works were not designed to merely aid weak faith.

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Immediately Jesus went back across the Jordan River.

He stayed there and many people came to and believed in Jesus.

This appears to be a retreat from the conflict.

But, Jesus has something great in mind.

John 11 is coming up.

What is the major story in John 11?

John 11 gives us the story of the death of Lazarus of Bethany.

Jesus is on retreat on the other side of Jordan.

Lazarus is sick unto death.

Ultimately, Lazarus is dead and has been laid in the tomb.

The funeral service has taken place and people are still lingering to comfort Martha and Mary.

Look at John 11: 17-43.

It is a lengthy story.

There are several things that are going on.

If we are not careful, we will miss the reason for the story.

Jesus was concerned about Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

He loved them.

However, something much greater is going on here.

Jesus is going to reveal His power and the glory of God.

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When Jesus arrived at Martha and Mary's house what were the first words that He spoke to them?

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All they could think about was their theological eschatology.

They were anticipating seeing him in the last day.

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Martha said she knew that He was the Christ, the Son of God.

Next, we see the humanity of Christ demonstrated in His love and grief.

This is not the reason He delayed or the reason He came.

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You would see the glory of God?

What does this mean?

Jesus does not say those exact words in this commentary.

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What is Jesus doing in this story?

He is revealing the glory of God.

He is doing something man cannot do.

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What did they see?

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John 11:4 NIV When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."

Lazarus was raised from the dead.

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It was a work of God's almightiness.

Why does the restoration of life seem hopeless in the presence of the Resurrection and the Life?

God was on the scene.

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How did Jesus achieve this miracle?

Did He strain to cause this to happen?

Was it difficult for Him to achieve?

He prayed; not for what He wanted, but for the manifestation of what He had.

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Jesus was acutely aware of who He was, what power He possessed, and what He could do.

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