

Chapter 11

He commeth once againe into Iewrie boldly (the time that he would be killed of them, being not yet come) and raifeth Lazarus foure daies buried. 47. At which miracle the blind malice of the Rulers fo increafeth, that in Councel they conclude to make him away. Howbeit the high Prieft prophecieth vnawares, of the faluation of the world by his death. 54. He thereupon goeth againe out of the way.

*Lu. 7, 37.
Mat. 26, 7.
Mar. 14, 3.
Io. 12, 3.*

And there was a certaine ficke man, Lazarus of Bethania, of the towne of Marie & Martha her fifter. ²(And Marie was fhe that anointed our Lord with ointemēt, & wiped his feete with her haire: whose brother Lazarus was ficke.) ³His fifters therefore fent to him faying: Lord, behold, he whom thou loueft, is ficke. ⁴And IESVS hearing, faid to them: This fickneffe is not to death, but for the glorie of God: that the Sonne of God may be glorified by it. ⁵And IESVS loued Martha, and her fifter Marie, and Lazarus. ⁶As he heard therefore that he was ficke, then he taried in the fame place two daies: ⁷then after this he faith to his Difciples: Let vs goe into Iewrie againe. ⁸The Difciples fay to him: Rabbi, now the Iewes fought to ftone thee; and goeft thou thither againe? ⁹IESVS answered: Are there not twelue houres of the day? If a man walk in the day, he ftumbleth not: becaufe he feeth the light of this world: ¹⁰but if he walke in the night, he ftumbleth, becaufe the light is not in him. ¹¹Thefe things he faid; and after this he faith to them: Lazarus our freind fleepeth; but I goe that I may raife him from fleep. ¹²His Difciples therefore faid: Lord, if he fleep, he fhall be fafe. ¹³But IESVS fpake of his death; & they thought that he fpake of the fleeping of fleep. ¹⁴Then therefore IESVS faid to them plainely: Lazarus is dead; ¹⁵and I am glad for your fake, that you may beleeeue, becaufe I was not there: but let vs goe to him. ¹⁶Thomas therefore, who is called Didymus, faid to his Condifciples: Let vs alfo goe, to die with him.

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¹⁷ IESVS therefore came, and found him now hauing been foure daies in the graue. ¹⁸ (And Bethania was nigh to Hierufalem about fifteene furlonges.) ¹⁹ And many of the Iewes were come to Martha and Marie, to comfort them concerning their brother. ²⁰ Martha therefore when she heard that IESVS was come, went to meet him; but Marie fate at home. ²¹ Martha therefore said to IESVS: Lord if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. ²² But now also I know that what things soeuer thou shalt aske of God, God wil giue thee. ²³ IESVS faith to her: Thy brother shall rise againe. ²⁴ Martha faith to him: I know that he shall rise againe in the resurrection, in the last day. ²⁵ IESVS said to her: I am the resurrection and the life; he that beleueth in me, although he be dead, shall liue. ²⁶ And euery one that liueth, and beleueth in me, shall not die for euer. Beleeuest thou this? ²⁷ She faith to him: Yea Lord, I haue beleued that thou art CHRIST the Sonne of God that art come into this world.

²⁸ And when she had said these things, she went, and called Marie her sister secretly, saying: The Maister is come, & calleth thee. ²⁹ She, when she heard, riseth quickly & cometh to him. ³⁰ For IESVS was not yet come into the towne: but he was yet in that place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Iewes therefore that were with her in the house and did comfort her, when they saw Marie that she rose quickly and went forth, followed her, saying: That she goeth to the graue, to weepe there. ³² Marie therefore when she was come where IESVS was, seeing him, fel at his feete, and faith to him: Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. ³³ IESVS therefore when he saw her, weeping, and the Iewes that were come with her, weeping, he goned in spirit, and troubled himself, ³⁴ and said: Where haue you laid him? They say to him: Lord, come and see. ³⁵ And IESVS wept. ³⁶ The Iewes therefore said: Behold how he loued him. ³⁷ But certaine of them said: Could not he that opened the eyes of the blind man, make that this man should not die? ³⁸ IESVS therefore againe goning in himself, commeth to the graue: and it was a caue; and a stone was laid ouer it. ³⁹ IESVS faith: Take away the

Io. 9, 6.

ftone. Martha the fister of him that was dead, faid to him: Lord, now he ftinketh, for he is now of foure daies. ⁴⁰ IESVS faith to her: Did not I fay to thee, that if thou beleue, thou shalt fee the glorie of God? ⁴¹ They tooke therfore the ftone away. And IESVS lifting his eyes vpw-ward, faid: Father, I giue thee thanks that thou haft heard me. ⁴² And I did know that thou doeft alwaies heare me, but for the people that ftandeth about, haue I faid it, that they may beleue that thou haft fent me. ⁴³ When he had faid thefe things, he cried with a loud voice: Lazarus, come forth. ⁴⁴ And forthwith he came forth that had been dead, bound feete and handes with winding bandes, and his face was tied with a napkin. IESVS faid to them: ^a)Loofe him, and let him goe.

⁴⁵ Many therfore of the Iewes that were come to Marie & Martha, & had feẽ the things that IESVS did, beleued in him. ⁴⁶ And certaine of thẽ went to the Pharifees, & told thẽ the things that IESVS did. ⁴⁷ The cheefe Priests therfore & the pharifees gathered a Councel, & faid: What doe we, for this man doeth many figes. ⁴⁸ If we let him alone fo, al wil beleue in him: & the Romanes wil come, & ^b)take away our place & Nation. ⁴⁹ But one of them named Caiphaz, being the high Priest of that yeare, faid to them: You know nothing, ⁵⁰ neither doe you cõfider: that it is expedient for vs that one man die for the people, & the whole Nation perifh not. ⁵¹ And this he faid not of himfelf: but ^a)being the high Priest of that yeare, he prophecied that IESVS should die for the Nation. ⁵² And not only for the Nation, but to gather into one the children of God that were difperfed. ⁵³ From that day therfore they deuifed to kil him. ⁵⁴ IESVS therfore walked no more openly among the Iewes, but he went into the countrie befide

^a *S. Cyril. li. 7. c. vlt. in Io. and S. Auguft. Tract. 49. in Io.* apply this to the Apoftles & Priests authoritie of abfoluing finners: affirming Chrift to reuiue none from finne, but in the Church and by the Priests minifterie.

^b Al men, but fpecially Nations muft take heed, that whiles to faue their temporal ftate, they forfake God, they lofe not both, as the Iewes did. *Aug. tract. 47. in Io.*

the defert vnto a citie that is called Ephrem, and there he abode with his Difciples.

⁵⁵ And the Pafche of the Iewes was at hand: & many of the countrie went vp to Hierufalem before the Pafche to fanctifie themfelues. ⁵⁶ They fought IESVS therefore; and they communed one with another, ftanding in the Temple: What thinke you, in that he is not come to the feftiual day? And the cheefe Priests & Pharifees had giuen commandement, that if any man fhould know where he was, he fhould tel, that they might apprehend him.

ANNOTATIONS

⁵¹ Being the high Prielt) Maruel not that Chrifft preferueth his truth in the Church as wel by the vnworthy as the worthy Prelates thereof: the gifts of the Holy Ghoft following their Order and office, as we fee here in Caiphas, & not their merites or perfon. And if this man being many waies wicked, and in part an vfurper, and the Law & Priefthood being to decline & giue place to Chrifts new ordinance, had yet fome afsiftance of God for vtterance of truth which himfelf meant not, nor knew not: how much more may we be affured, that Chrifft wil not leaue Peters Seat, whose faith he promifed should neuer faile, though the perfons which occupie the fame, were as il as the blafphemous & malitious mouthes of Heretikes doe affirme.

Luc. 22, 23.

The priuiledge of the office & order, though in a wicked perfon.