

Study of John 11
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John 11:1-57

1 Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus

(אֵלְעָזָר, El Azar, Lazarus is a shortened version of the Name El Azar, or Eleazar in our English Scriptures; It is made up of two words, the word El which is a short form of the title Elohim, and the word Azar which means, to help, assist, aid, assistance, helpmate, wife)

Of Bethany

(בֵּית אַנִּי Beyit Ani, where the word Beyit means, house, home, family, school and the word Ani, means, I, to me, it also means, mourning, ship, boat, vessel, fleet, therefore the word Bethany could mean, My house, My School, my Boat, My Vessel, or, it could mean, the house of mourning, and since this is speaking of Lazarus' death, it would make sense that in this case it could mean, the house of mourning),

The town of Mary

(מִירְיָם, Mir Yam, where the word Miry, מִרְיָ, which means, bitter, rebellious, showed disobedience, rebelled, argued, competed)

And her sister Martha

(Strong's number G3136 Μάρθα, Mártha, pronounced, mar'-thah, probably of Chaldee origin, מִרְתָּא, means, lady, mistress, hostess, it is the feminine of Mar, מִר, which means master, but as an adjective the word Mar מִר, means, bitter, embittered, sad, gloomy, cruel)

*Verse 2 (It was the same Mary who anointed Messiah with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) 3 Therefore his sisters sent unto Him, saying, Master, behold, he whom You love (Lazarus) is sick. 4 When Yeshua heard that, He said, This sickness is **NOT** unto death, but for the **GLORY** of Elohim, that the Son of Elohim might be glorified thereby.*

Why did Yeshua say that this sickness was **NOT** unto death, and then a few short *verses* later, He says Lazarus is dead? It is because Messiah knew that Lazarus would be resurrected by the power of our heavenly Father, and that the Father would work this miracle through Him, in the Father's Timing.

Therefore, I believe we have to ask ourselves **IF** we would be willing to play the part of Lazarus, and actually **DIE**, and stay dead for four days, so that the **GLORY** of Elohim would be shown through our body being resurrected from the dead? Would it be just like going to sleep or would we experience something else?

*Verse 5 Now Yeshua loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. 6 Therefore when He had heard that Lazarus was sick, He abode **TWO** days still in the same place where He was.*

The number **two** in Scriptures speaks of **witness**, therefore, I believe that this *verse* is telling us that we had better pay close attention to what is being said here, for there is something that is going to happen that we will be a witness to us of the power and glory of our heavenly Father.

*Verse 7 Then after that, Messiah said to His disciples, Let us go into Judea again. 8 And His disciples said unto him, **BUT** Master, the religious leaders of the Jews of late, seek to **stone** You; **WHY** then are You going there again? 9 Yeshua answered, Are there not **twelve** hours in the day? If any man walks in the day (in those twelve hours of daylight), he will **NOT** stumble, **BECAUSE** he sees the light of this world.*

What is Messiah communicating to us here with these cryptic words? Well, the number **twelve** in Scripture speaks of the perfect way that our heavenly Father chooses to govern His kingdom, and that is by, and with, His constitution, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, and these very same Words, the Words of His Torah of Life, with which He created all things, were made flesh, and dwelt among us, here on earth, and, we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten Son of Elohim, filled with **GRACE** and **TRUTH**. And this Torah of our heavenly Father, that was made flesh, told us, that **HE WAS** the Light of the world, therefore, I believe that Messiah is telling us that as long as we walk in obedience to His Words, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, then, we will continuously be walking in the Light, His Light, the Light of the world.

However, the reverse is also true, for Messiah says in verse 10 **BUT IF** a man walks in the night (apart and separate from the Light of the world, which happens to be the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, made flesh), **THEN**, that person will stumble, because there is **NO LIGHT IN HIM**.

To get a better understanding of what Messiah means, let us read *Isaiah 8:20* which I believe will give us a better perspective on what Messiah is trying to teach us here. Isaiah said in *verse 20: To the Torah and to the Testimony: IF they DO NOT speak according to this Word* (the words of the Father's Torah of Life), **IT IS BECAUSE THERE IS NO LIGHT IN THEM**.

This is a crucial part of Messiah/YHVH's teaching, that absolutely everyone **MUST** understand, **IF** they want to spend eternity in the kingdom of Elohim as the Bride of Messiah. A person that does **NOT** believe, follow, obey, **NOR DO** the Father's Torah of Life, **IS** a person that has **NO LIGHT** in them, and since Messiah **IS** the **LIGHT of the world**, then, that means that Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, **HAS NOT AND WILL NOT MAKE HIS ABODE IN THEM**, and, **IF** Messiah, who is the only **DOOR** through which everyone must go through, **IF** they want to enter into our heavenly Father's everlasting kingdom, **IS NOT in them**, **THEN**, that means that they **CANNOT** enter into our heavenly Father's kingdom, and they will be like the five unwise virgins, and the people that Messiah spoke to in *Matthew 7:21-23* to whom Messiah said, *I do NOT know you get away from Me your workers of iniquity, you lawless ones, you who continuously transgress the Father's Torah of Life*.

Verse 11 These things did Messiah say: and afterwards He said unto them, Our friend Lazarus SLEEPS; BUT I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. 12 Then His disciples said, Master, IF he sleeps, he shall do well. 13 Howbeit Yeshua spoke of his death: BUT they thought that He had spoken of Lazarus taking rest in sleep. 14 Then Yeshua said unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

SLEEPS, is Strong's number G2837 κοιμάω, koimāō, pronounced, koy-mah'-o, it is from G2749, which means, to put to sleep, to slumber; figuratively, to decease, be or fall to sleep, be dead.

This confirms that Messiah **KNEW** that Lazarus **was dead**, and it also confirms to us that when the Scripture tells us that someone is sleeping, it often means that they are dead, and their bodies are resting in their graves.

*Verse 15 And I am glad for **YOUR** sake that I was **NOT** there, to the intent that you may **believe**; (in other words, Lazarus' death and resurrection was an event that was planned by our heavenly Father, to help convince Messiah's Disciples, and many other people, that Messiah, the person that is now standing in front of them, **IS** the prophesied Living Word of our heavenly Father in the flesh), nevertheless let us go unto him.*

Verse 16 Then Thomas said

(תאום or תאום, Ta'om, which means, twin),

Who is called Didymus

(Strong's number G1324 Δίδυμος, Dídyμος, pronounced, did'-oo-mos, prolongation from 1364; double, i.e. twin; Didymus, a Christian; G1364, δίς, Díς, pronounced, Dece, it is an adverb from G1417, which means, twice, again, twice, G1417 δύο, dýo, pronounced doo'-o, a primary numeral; two, both, twain)

Unto his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

Here we see that Thomas who is the one that first doubted that Messiah had really risen from the dead, was now ready to go with Messiah, and die in the process if he had to.

*Verse 17 Then when Yeshua came, He found that Lazarus had been laying in the grave **four** days already.*

The number four in Scripture represents the advent of Messiah, for the Words came to earth in the form of a baby boy that was born to Mary, at the end of the fourth Millennium, and it also represents the four Gospels that were to be preached in the four corners of the world. Therefore I believe that this is shadow picture of Messiah coming into the world on the fourth day, and bringing Life to all people who choose to believe, follow and obey Him, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh.

Verse 18 Now Bethany was near unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off (15 furlongs, is 1.8 miles, just under two miles): 19 And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. 20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Yeshua was coming, went and met Him: but Mary sat still in the house.

Just like any other funeral, the people that attend the funeral want to give their condolences and best wishes to the relatives of the deceased.

*Verse 21 Then Martha said unto Yeshua, Master, **IF** You had been here, **my brother would NOT have died**. 22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever You will ask of Elohim, He will give it to You.*

What Martha is doing here whether she understands it or not, **IS**, in a sense, accusing Messiah of being negligent, and **NOT** caring about His friend, and their brother, Lazarus' illness, for what

Martha is actually saying, **IS, IF** you Messiah had cared enough, You would have come in time, and saved my brother from dying, and he would still be alive today.

Even though Martha accused Yeshua, by saying that His tardiness to come to Lazarus' side when they first called Him, was a key factor in her brother passing away, Messiah is **NOT** angry with her, because He understands her grief.

*Verse 23 Yeshua said to her, Your brother **SHALL** rise again. 24 Martha said unto Him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.*

Here we see that Yeshua tells *Martha* that her brother will rise again, **BUT** before Messiah finishes what He has to say, Martha jumps in, and interrupts Yeshua, and says, I know, I know that my brother will rise again, on the day of resurrection, but **IF** You had been here in time, he would not have died in the first place.

Next Martha, and all of us, are going to get a lesson that shows us how the real resurrection will come about.

*Verse 25 Yeshua said unto her, **I AM the Resurrection, and the Life:***

Well if Messiah is indeed the Resurrection and the Life as He claims to be, then we should make sure that we **KNOW** who Messiah **IS**, so that we too can have some insights on what it takes to be resurrected.

Let's begin with

John 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim.

Here, John very clearly points out that the Word of Elohim, **IS** our eternal and everlasting Elohim.

*Verse 2 The same (the Word which John tells us **IS** Elohim) was in the beginning with Elohim. 3 **ALL** things were made **BY** Him (the Word which John tells us **IS** Elohim); and without Him (the Word which John tells us **IS** Elohim) was **NOT** any thing made that was made. 4 In Him (the Word which John tells us **IS** Elohim) was **LIFE**; and **the LIFE was the LIGHT of men.***

*John 1:14 And the Word (the Word which John tells us **IS** Elohim) was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld (the Word which John tells us **IS** Elohim) His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of **GRACE** and **TRUTH.***

What is this **GRACE** and **TRUTH** that the Word, which John tells us **IS** Elohim, is *filled* with.

As always we have to go to our Dictionary, the Scriptures, to get the definitions of these words.
*Psalm 119:142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and **YOUR TORAH IS THE TRUTH.***

*Psalm 119:151 You are near, O Yahweh; and **ALL YOUR COMMANDMENTS ARE TRUTH.***

*Psalm 119:160 Your Word (the Word which John tells us **IS** Elohim) **IS TRUE** from the beginning: and every one of Your Righteous Judgments endures for ever.*

*John 17:17 Sanctify them through **YOUR TRUTH: YOUR WORD IS TRUTH.***

*Ephesians 1:13 In whom you also trusted, after that you heard the **WORD OF TRUTH, WHICH IS THE GOSPEL OF YOUR SALVATION:** in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*

These verses define what **TRUTH IS**, and they tell us that the word **TRUTH** in Scripture, **IS** defined as, the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, the Commandments, the Gospel, for they are **ALL** defined as Elohim's **TRUTH**.

So far, we have been told that the Word of Elohim **IS** Elohim, and that that Word of Elohim became flesh, and that, the Word of Elohim, that became flesh, was filled with **TRUTH**, and that the **TRUTH** that He was filled with, **IS** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, the Father's Commandments, the Father's Words and the Father's Gospel of Salvation.

What do all these words have in common? *1Kings 2:3* tells us what they have in common. They are **ALL** part of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life: *And keep the charge of Yahweh your Elohim, to **Walk in His WAYS, to Keep His STATUTES, and His COMMANDMENTS, and His JUDGMENTS, and His TESTIMONIES, as they are written in the Torah of Mosheh, that you may prosper in all that you do, and wheresoever you turn yourself:***

And what does our heavenly Father want us to do with His Word, the Word that we are told **IS** Elohim, the Word that became flesh and dwelt among us, the word that is defined as **TRUTH**?

*Deuteronomy 5:29 O that there were such a heart in them (My People, Israel), that they would fear Me (the fear of Yahweh **IS** the beginning of wisdom), and **Keep Shemar, Guard and Protect ALL My Commandments (the Words of My Torah) always,***
WHY?

*So that it might be well with them, **AND** with their children for ever!*

*Deuteronomy 10:12-13 And now, Yisrael, what **does** Yahweh your Elohim **REQUIRE** of you, **BUT** to fear Yahweh your Elohim, (the fear of Yahweh **IS** the beginning of wisdom), to **Walk in ALL** of His Ways, and to love Him, and to serve Yahweh your Elohim with **ALL** your heart and with **ALL** your soul, 13 To **Keep, Shamar, Guard, Protect the Commandments of Yahweh, and His Statutes** (His Torah), which I command you this day for your good?*

If we choose to believe, follow, and obey all the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, as He has commanded us to do, what will it do for us?

*Deuteronomy 7:12-15 Therefore, it **SHALL** come to pass, **IF** you hearken (shema) to these judgments, and **keep, and DO** them, that Yahweh your Elohim **SHALL** keep the Covenant that He made, and the mercy which He swore unto your fathers: And He will Love you, and bless you, and multiply you: He will also bless the fruit of your womb, and the fruit of your land, your grain, and your wine, and your oil, the increase of your kine, and the flocks of your sheep, in the Land which He*

swore unto your fathers to give you. You **SHALL** be blessed above **ALL** people: there **SHALL NOT** be male nor female **barren** among you, or among your cattle. And Yahweh **WILL TAKE AWAY FROM YOU, ALL SICKNESS**, and will put **NONE** of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you know, upon you; **BUT** He will lay them upon **ALL** them that hate you.

Deuteronomy 28:1-14 And it shall come to pass, **IF** you shall shema (**IF** you will hear, listen, pay close attention to, understand, believe, follow, and obey). If you will diligently hema unto the Voice of Yahweh your Elohim, **TO OBSERVE AND TO DO ALL HIS COMMANDMENTS** (all the Words of His Torah of Life) which I command you this day, that Yahweh your Elohim will:

1 – Set you on high above all nations of the earth: And all these following blessings shall come on you, and actually overtake You, **IF** you Will shema unto the Voice of Yahweh your Elohim.

2 – Blessed shall you be in the city

3 – Blessed shalt you be in the field

4 – Blessed shall be the fruit of your body

5 – Blessed shall be the fruit of your ground

6 – Blessed shall be the fruit of your cattle

7 – Blessed shall be the increase of your kine

8 – Blessed shall be the flocks of your sheep

9 – Blessed shall be thy basket and your store

10 – Blessed shall you be when you come in

11 – Blessed shall you be when you go out.

12 – Yahweh your Elohim will cause your enemies who rise up against you to be smitten before your face: they shall come out against you one way, and flee from before you seven ways.

13 – Yahweh shall command the blessing upon you in your storehouses

14 – Yahweh shall command the blessing upon you in all that you set your hand unto

15 – Yahweh shall bless you in the land which Yahweh your Elohim gives you.

16 – Yahweh shall establish you as a holy people unto Himself, as He hath sworn unto you, **IF** you choose to keep the Commandments of Yahweh your Elohim, **AND** walk in His Ways.

17 – And all people of the earth shall see that **YOU** are called **BY** the Name of Yaahweh; and they shall be afraid of you.

18 – And Yahweh shall make you plenteous in goods,

19 – And Yahweh shall make you plenteous in the fruit of your body

20 – And Yahweh shall make you plenteous in the fruit of your cattle,

21 – *And Yahweh shall make you plenteous in the fruit of your ground, in the land which Yahweh swore unto your fathers to give you.*

22 – *Yahweh shall open unto you His good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto your land in the season that it needs it,*

23 – *Yahweh shall bless all the work of your hand*

24 – *You shall lend unto many nations, and you shall **NOT** borrow.*

25 – *Yahweh shall make you the head, and not the tail*

26 – *You shall be above only, and you shall **NOT** be beneath;*

We have to understand and believe that **Yahweh** will make **ALL** of this happen for us, **IF** and **WHEN** we willingly and lovingly **choose** to Shema the Commandments of Yahweh our Elohim, which I Mosheh command you this day, to **OBSERVE** and **TO DO THEM**: And you **SHALL NOT** go aside from any of the Words (of the Torah of Yahweh) which I Command you this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after the imaginary gods of others, to serve them.

Proverbs 3:1-10 My son, do **NOT** forget My Torah; **BUT** let your heart **keep, guard, and protect** My Commandments:

WHY?

Because length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they (My Commandments, My Torah) add to you.

Do **NOT** let Mercy and **TRUTH** (Torah) forsake you: **BIND** them (the words of My Torah of Life) about your neck; write them (the words of My Torah of Life) upon the table of your heart:

WHY?

*Because in doing so, you **SHALL** find favour and good understanding in the sight of Elohim and man.*

TRUST in Yahweh with **ALL** your heart; and do **NOT** lean on your own understanding. In **ALL** your Ways acknowledge Him,

WHY?

*Because **if you do**, then Yahweh **SHALL** direct your paths.*

DO NOT be wise in your own eyes: fear Yahweh (for the fear of Yahweh **IS** the beginning of Wisdom), **AND** depart from evil.

WHY?

Because it shall be health to your navel, and marrow to your bones.

HONOUR Yahweh with your substance, and with the firstfruits of **ALL** your increase:

WHY?

*Because **IF** you do, your barns **SHALL** be filled with plenty, and your presses shall burst out with new wine.*

Now that is a lot of Scripture that I have quoted for you here, **BUT**, it barely touches **ALL** the benefits and blessings that we will actually receive from **Yahweh**, **IF** we willingly and lovingly choose to do what He has Commanded us to do from the beginning of time.

Next, Messiah says, in the second half of *verse 36: He that believes Me, (the Words of Living Torah made flesh) even though he were dead, yet shall he live: 36 And whosoever lives and believes in Me, (the Living Torah made flesh), SHALL never die. Do you believe this Martha?*

Here Messiah is talking to Martha and to us, about everlasting Life, and He says that even **IF** a person's physical body dies, **IF** that person believed Me, the Words of Living Torah made flesh, and willingly and lovingly chose to believe, follow and obey them, then, that person, **WILL BE resurrected onto everlasting life**, and the people that are alive, those who believe Me, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, those who willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, as I did, and instructed them to do, will never die, and, like Me, they too will experience everlasting Life, through Me, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, your Messiah.

Verse 27 Martha said unto Him, Yes, Master: I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of Elohim, who was prophesied to come into the world.

As you can see, Martha, believes, as we all should, that Messiah **IS** the Son of Elohim, the One who was prophesied to come as our Saviour.

Verse 28 And when Martha said that, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calls for you. 29 As soon as Mary heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto Messiah. 30 Now Yeshua was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him. 31 The Jews, who were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw that Mary rose up hastily and went out, they followed her, saying, She is going unto the grave to weep there. 32 Then, when Mary was come where Yeshua was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying unto Him, Master, IF You had been here, my brother would NOT have died.

These are the exact same words that her sister Martha spoke to Messiah in *verse 21*, when she first saw Him, and here, we see that Mary is also, in a sense, accusing Messiah of being negligent, and **NOT** caring enough about His friend, her brother, Lazarus' illness, for Mary, in essence, also says to Him, **IF** you Messiah cared enough about your friend, my brother, Lazarus, then, You would have come right away, when You heard that my brother was sick, and saved him, and my brother would still be alive.

Even though, like Martha, Mary also accused Yeshua, saying that His tardiness to come to Lazarus' side when they first called Him, was a key factor in her brother passing away, Messiah is **NOT** angry with her, because He understands her grief.

Verse 33 When Yeshua therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her, also weeping, He groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

This shows us that Messiah **was filled with empathy for people**, and it is obvious that He could feel their pain, the pain of losing a brother and a friend. Messiah was not weeping because Lazarus died or went to sleep, because He knew that our heavenly Father was going to bring him out of the tomb alive; Messiah was grieving for the pain that Lazarus' sisters and his friends were going through because of Lazarus' death.

*Verse 34 And Messiah said, Where have you laid him? They said unto Him, Master, come and see.
35 Yeshua wept.*

Here we see that Messiah wept, but, as I said above, He was **NOT** weeping because of Lazarus's death, for He knew that Lazarus would be resurrected, He was weeping for the pain that Lazarus' death had caused for all these people.

*Verse 36 Then the Jews said, Behold how He loved him! 37 And some of them said, Could **NOT** this man, who opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should **NOT** have died?*

Here again, we see how ugly the heart of man can be. We are told that collectively, many of these people who were witnesses to many of the miracles that our heavenly Father accomplished through Messiah, miracles of healing many people, miracles, that as I said, many of these people were witnesses to, and instead of glorifying Him, for those miracles, and the fact that He is the Son of Elohim in the flesh, they too, chose to accuse Messiah of **NOT** caring enough about Lazarus to come and heal him, while he was still alive.

Verse 38 Yeshua therefore again groaning in Himself came to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. 39 Yeshua said, Take the stone away.

What picture comes to mind when you hear Messiah say, **take the Stone away?** To me, I see a shadow picture of our heavenly Father taking away our stony heart and replacing it with a heart of flesh, a heart that is willing to allow the Father's Holy Spirit to **CAUSE** them to believe, follow, obey **DO** the Father's Commandments, contained in the Words of His Torah of Life. It also brings to mind an upcoming event in Messiah's Life, where the Stone, that will be covering the Tomb that He will be put in, after His death on the Cross, will be rolled away.

But before they rolled the stone away Martha said to Messiah: *Master, by this time his dead body will stink:*

WHY?

*Because he has been dead **four** days.*

This fact did not bother Yeshua, for He knew that the Father would resurrect Lazarus, and therefore Yeshua said to Mary in *verse 40 Did I not say unto you, that, **IF you would BELIEVE, you would SEE the glory of Elohim?***

Now the same question can be posed to each and everyone of us, for when Messiah spoke these words to Mary and her sister Martha, **He was also speaking those same words to us,**

*Did I **NOT** say onto you Marc (insert your own name here), that **IF YOU WILL SIMPLY BELIEVE ME, AND THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK, YOU WILL SEE THE GLORY OF ELOHIM.***

Now, it is up to each and everyone of us to choose to believe or not, it is up to us to work out our own salvation, by choosing to believe every Word that proceeds out of the Mouth of the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, or, choose to believe the words of the man made doctrines that refuse to accept that Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, the very same Torah that He gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai.

*Verse 41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Yeshua lifted up His eyes towards heaven, and said, **Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.** 42 And I know that You **hear Me always**: **BUT**, because of the people who are standing by, I said it, in order that they may **BELIEVE that You Father, have sent Me.***

Messiah had complete confidence in the Fact that our heavenly Father would resurrect Lazarus, therefore, His prayer, or request to the Father, that He Shema His Words, was **NOT** for His, nor the Father's benefit, it was for our benefit, so that we could believe, that when **WE** willingly choose to follow, the example that Messiah laid out for us, when we willingly choose to believe, follow, and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, when we follow His Directives for everlasting Life, as Messiah did and taught us to do, **THEN** our Father, who is in heaven, will hear, and will Shema our prayers also.

*1John 5:14-15 And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, **IF** we ask any thing **according to HIS Will**, He hears us, He does Shema us: And **IF** we know that He hear us, if we know that He does indeed shema our words, **THEN** whatsoever we ask of Him, we **KNOW** that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.*

Everything that Messiah did, while He was here on earth with us, was for our benefit, every word He ever uttered, every deed, every miracle, was done for our benefit, including His ultimate sacrifice on the cross, it **WAS** all done for each and everyone of us.

Verse 43 And when He had spoken these words, He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

Now I would like you to try and picture this scene in your minds eye; and, hopefully, as I said above, you will see that the removing of the stone from Lazarus' tomb **IS** a shadow picture of Yahweh taking away our **hearts of stone and replacing them with hearts of flesh**, and when that heart of flesh willingly decides to **OBEY** the Commandments, the Words of the Torah made flesh, then, this is what will happen. When the Living Torah made flesh Commanded Lazarus to come forth, he obeyed and came forth, but the only reason he was able to come forth **IS** because, his stony heart was removed, and Yahweh replaced his stony heart, with a heart of flesh, a heart that can be moulded by Yahweh Himself, into a heart that is willing to believe, follow and obey all the Words of His Torah of Life. And all of this, is done by the Grace and power of our heavenly Father, and because of His forgiving nature and His great love for us.

Verse 44 And Lazarus, who was dead, came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes: And his face was bound about with a napkin. Yeshua said unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

I believe that Yahweh is showing us through this example of Lazarus coming forth out of his grave, his coma, that when we first choose to die to self, and begin to believe and obey the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, as Messiah did, and taught us to do, that there will be a time of confusion, where we will be disoriented, but with the new heart and the new desire that we have been given, we can work out our own salvation, and the blindness that we once experienced, will be taken away, just like Lazarus' grave-clothes and the cloth that was covering his face and his eyes, were taken away, which meant, **that he could now see clearly, He could see the TRUTH**, as all people will be able to do, once they willingly and lovingly choose to allow the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father

to cause them to believe, follow, and obey the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life, His Torah.

Verse 45 Then many of the Jews who came to Mary, and had seen the things which Yeshua did, believed in Him (they believe in the Words of the Living Torah made flesh).

Unfortunately for many people, they need **PROOF** before they will believe, and Messiah, the Words of Living Torah made flesh, **IS THAT PROOF**, and therefore, it is now up to each and every individual, to choose to believe, what Messiah said and did for all of mankind, and praise our heavenly Father, for causing all of this to happen for all of mankind's benefit, **OR** people can choose **NOT** believe that Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly, made flesh. The choice is up to each and every individual, **WE**, all of us, are the ones that **MUST** work out our own salvation. Messiah gave us the tools to do this, He gave us His tools that are contained in His Tool box, the Torah, which **ARE**, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. **NOW**, it is up to each and every one of us to use Messiah's Tools, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, to make our own salvation possible, and according to Scripture, that can only be done by using the very specific that Messiah gave us from His tool box, the Tool Box that our heavenly Father gave Him, which happens to contain **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

There is, and always will be, an element of jealousy, in our society, an element that wants to destroy everything that is **GOOD**, an element of jealousy that is directed and sanctioned by the father of lies, satan, and this is no exception. We are told in *verse 46 But some of them went their way to the Pharisees, and told them what things Yeshua had done. 47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered as a council, and said, What are we to do? For this man, Yeshua, does many miracles. 48 IF we leave Him alone, IF we do NOT interfere, THEN ALL men will BELIEVE in Him* (believe that He is the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, and it will expose **ALL** of our Lies). *And the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.*

As you can see, these religious leaders **were not concerned about the TRUTH, the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life**, neither were they concerned about their own people, the people that Messiah was healing physically and spiritually; all these religious leaders were concerned about, was that their influence over the people, that they had garnered through the lies contained in their oral torah, the lies that gave them authority and control over the people, **was now diminishing**, and, in their minds, they believed that **IF** they did **NOT** do something about it, that their authority over the people would be drastically decreased, or lost all together, for the time being, and maybe forever, therefore, they were convinced that they had to do something to stop and discredit Messiah before it was too late and they did indeed lose total control over the people.

*Verse 49 And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, **You know nothing at all,***

Here Caiaphas is accusing his own people, the Pharisees of being ignorant and **NOT** understanding the significance of what was happening, he says: *you are NOT considering the fact that it is expedient for us, that One man (Yeshua) should die for the people, so that the whole nation does NOT perish. 51 And he did NOT speak of himself dying for his nation: BUT being high priest that year, he prophesied that Yeshua should die for that nation;*

It is always easy to unilaterally offer someone else, other than yourself, to serve as a sacrifice for a whole nation, when one is **NOT** willing nor the least bit interested, in offering themselves as the sacrifice. Here, we can see that the High priest is developing a plot to have Messiah put to death, so that they, the religious leaders of the man made religion of Judaism, could prevail, and keep their control, their dominance over their people, their sheep.

*Verse 52 And **NOT** for that nation only, **BUT** that also He should gather together in one the children of Elohim that were scattered abroad.*

This tells us that Messiah's sacrifice was **NOT** only for the Jewish nation, called the southern kingdom, it was also for the northern kingdom which has been dispersed throughout the world, for they too are part of His family.

Now before we read the next *verse* we have to understand that Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh and that the Torah of Yahweh **IS** our heavenly Father's everlasting **TRUTH**, therefore, when it says in *verse 53 **Then from that day forth they took counsel together, to put Messiah to DEATH;***

This is telling us that the religious leaders of the day, the leaders of the man made religion of Judaism, took counsel together to **KILL the TRUTH**, and I am very sad to say that, that very same counsel **IS** still very active today, in **ALL** of the man made religions of the world; for each and every one of them, want their followers to believe and follow **their own man made finite and false doctrines, rather than the pure infinite TRUTH of our heavenly Father, contained in the Words of His Torah of Life.**

Verse 54 Yeshua therefore no longer walked openly among the (religious leaders of Judaism) called the Jews here in these verses;

BUT instead He went unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephrayim

(אֶפְרַיִם, Ephrayim, means, doubly fruitful, and he is Yoseph, second and youngest son, and grandson to Ya'aqov, but, if we break down this name even more, we see that the first letter, is the letter Aleph, which represents our Messiah, the middle three letters of the name Ephrayim, spell the word Priy, פֵּרִי, which means, fruit, and the suffix letter is the letter, Mem, מ, is often used to picture a womb, therefore, the name Ephrayim, can mean, that **IF** we willingly choose to internalize the Aleph, which, as I said above, represents Messiah, the Words of the living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, and, let it incubate with ourselves, it will. in due time, burst out and manifest itself, as total, loving surrendered obedience, to **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life and since the northern kingdom that was dispersed into the Diaspora is often called Ephrayim, it shows us that this is the other sheep that Messiah was talking about in *John 10:14-16 I am the Good Shepherd, and I know My sheep, and am known of them. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father: and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have, which are NOT of this fold: them also, I must bring, and they shall hear My Voice; and there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd).*

And there He continued His Ministry with His disciples.

This is telling us that Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly made flesh, will **NOT** stay in a place where He is **NOT** wanted, He will **NOT** try and force His Ways, His Words upon

people, for Scripture makes it abundantly clear **that WE, you and I, ARE to work out our own salvation**, and Messiah was sent to earth to give us the tools and the instructions on how to do that. Therefore, it is up to each and every individual to choose to follow the Ways that Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly, made flesh, taught us, or, choose instead, to follow the way of the religious leaders of the man made religions of the world and their counsel, who, as you can see by what we have just read, want to **KILL the TRUTH**, they want to **KILL** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life made flesh.

*Verse 55 And Yahweh's Passover, which the Jews celebrate, was near at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves. 56 Then they searched for Yeshua, and spoke among themselves, as they stood in the temple, saying What do you think, will He or will He **NOT** come to the Feast?*

Now it should be very obvious to all people, who profess to believe that Messiah is the Son of Elohim, that He is the Words of our heavenly Father's Todah made flesh, the One that was prophesied to be sent to earth, to minister to the people, that He would attend **ALL** of the Father's designated Feasts, for it is a Commandment to do so, and **IF** Messiah were to break any of the Father's Commandments, **then, HE COULD NOT AND WOULD NOT BE** the spotless Lamb of Elohim. Therefore these people who were questioning whether Messiah would attend the Feast, were **NOT** believers nor followers of Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, they were just curious bystanders, who were there for the show, they were like people that go to car races just to see the spectacular car crashes.

*Verse 57 Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, **IF** any man knew where Yeshua was, **that he should show it, so that they** (the religious leaders of the man made religion of the day, Judaism), **might take Him.***

This is telling us that there were people that were there, at that time, that actually saw many of the wonderful things that Messiah did for people, they also heard His beautiful Words of Life, and saw that many people were healed of their illnesses and or their infirmities, **and yet, they were still willing to betray Him**, they were still willing to have Him, be put to death. They wanted to see the **TRUTH killed and silenced so that they could live the life that they wanted to live, and NOT have to follow the dictates of the Creator of the universe**, because, they felt that His Ways were too restrictive. They wanted freedom from the Torah of Moshah, **and through their evil actions, they got it, OR DID THEY?** Once you get rid of the **TRUTH** in your Life, then all you have left, **ARE LIES**, which means, **that you are now under the dominion of the father of Lies, satan**, and Scripture tells us, that satan has come to steal, kill and destroy. Be careful what you wish for, because it might **NOT** be as beneficial as you thought it would be. Amein!

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Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again. Shalom Alechem! Amein