



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, bless each person, and shine Your face upon them, supply all their needs, and bless them with their daily needs, more than enough so that they may bless whomever You tell them to bless. I ask that You help them to be debt free, that they never have to borrow but are always able to lend, and bless whomever You tell them to bless. Enable us to be Your hands and feet. Fill us with Your will for us this day and plans, in Jesus' name. Amen....

Scripture

1 Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom he¹ had raised from the dead. Matt 26:6; Mark 14:3; Luke 7:37; John 11:2; 2 So they prepared a dinner for Jesus¹ there. Martha² was serving, and Lazarus was among those present at the table³ with him. 3 Then Mary took three quarters of a pound¹ of expensive aromatic oil from pure nard² and anointed the feet of Jesus. She³ then wiped his feet dry with her hair. (Now the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfumed oil.)⁴ 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was going to betray him) said, 5 “Why wasn’t this oil sold for three hundred silver coins and the money given to the poor?” Mark 14:5; 6 (Now Judas said this not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief. As keeper of the money box, he used to steal what was put into it.) John 13:29; 7 So Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She has kept it for the day of my burial. Mark 14:8; 8 For you will always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me!”

9 Now a large crowd of Judeans learned that Jesus was there, and so they came not only because of him but also to see Lazarus whom he had raised from the dead. John 11:44; 10 So the chief priests planned to kill Lazarus too, 11 for on account of him many of the Jewish people from Jerusalem were going away and believing in Jesus.

John 12 : 1-11

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A friend not too long ago could not understand why she was so rejected by family and friends, I myself had the same question as a matter of fact I was beginning to wonder what was wrong with me that I repelled folks some even loved ones. I have since then met several people on a prayer line, that had the same question, some even rejected by spouses. Lately as little as three months ago I met several people that had the same question. I give them the same answer my mentor gave me.....and to you also if you are experiencing it, rejection, seems like you are doing everything right but nothing is working, you know you are saved but what is the problem, do we have body odor or what??? No, as my mentor said, they are not rejecting you.....they are rejecting Jesus.....don't know about you but it helped me tremendously and I had already started healing and this just added to the healing.....

Jesus; was rejected to, Isaiah 53 bears witness to that, a man of sorrows. In most of the accounts of Jesus in the Bible we see several people wanting to get rid of Jesus.....He was different, He spoke the truth, He knew what they were thinking and He knew what they were doing....the people also knew He was rocking the boat on some of the things they were doing, most of them were being religious with a goal for gain, in one way or another. The feared Jesus. They refused to accept who He said He was. Jesus spoke the truth, He also represented new change.

We note in this set of scripture that Lazarus was healed, and alive having supper with Jesus. A crowd of Jews heard that Jesus was at Bethany and they came there, not only because of Jesus but that they also might see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death, also. Note, that Lazarus had done nothing, he was just raised from the dead. Note that Jesus did nothing but speak the truth, heal and teach the people....He did nothing wrong,....yet still rejected and they wanted to kill Him and also Lazarus....the reason states....because on account of him many of the Jews were going away [were withdrawing from and leaving the Judeans] and believing in and adhering to Jesus.....

The supper at Bethany John places it on the day before the Triumphal entry (12) which could be Saturday evening. It was about a month after He had raised Lazarus from the dead. The family must have been rich, 300 pence, or shillings is about \$50.00 Only the wealthy could afford \$50.00 bottles of perfume. Jesus had probably spoken of His coming crucifixion. Mary; kind hearted, compassionate, thoughtful. perhaps noticing a look of pain in His eyes. might of thought.." This is no parable, He means it." She went and got the rarest treasure of her household and poured it on His head and feet, and wiped them with her hair, and Jesus understood, He knew she was doing it from her heart. Jesus said; that what she had done would be told of her wherever His name would be carried to the ends of the earth and to the end of time. Martha wasn't complaining anymore she had learned to serve Jesus from the heart. Judas, had stolen from the treasury, pilfered. Judas was not concerned with the poor at all, he was thinking of the money.

(24-26) Jesus is speaking of Himself. Through His death, the Church would be multiplied. The judgment of the world was to fall upon Jesus. The prince of this world is to be cast out, meaning that Satan will be brought down or destroyed. Through Jesus' death on the cross for our sins, victory has come over Satan's power. Lifted up refers to the Cross. Verse 32 doesn't mean that if we exalt Him then He'll draw all men to Himself.

(38) So that what Isaiah the prophet said was fulfilled. Lord, who has believed our report and our message? And to whom has the arm (the power) of the Lord been shown (unveiled and revealed)? Isaiah 53:1.

(39) Therefore they could not believe [they were unable to believe]. For Isaiah has also said. (40) He has blinded their eyes and hardened and benumbed their hearts, to keep them from seeing with their eyes and understanding with their eyes and understanding with their hearts and minds and repenting and turning, to Me to heal them. When the Lord hardens the heart the literal meaning is to make firm stout or strong.

Mans' opinion had a stronger hold on their lives than did God's thoughts about them. Jesus is placing Himself in total unity and identity with the Father. The leaders/rulers of the Jewish nation would not believe on Jesus, John's answer is that it was in fulfillment of Scripture.

(44-50) Jesus' final Temple message, probably as He left at the close of Tuesday, never again to enter.

(48) Anyone who rejects Me and persistently sets Me at naught, refusing to accept My teachings, has his judge [however]; for the [very] message that I have spoken will itself judge and convict him at the last day.

....so if we are rejected....we count it as a blessing, if we were not rejected than Satan has nothing to fear from us....it is a witness that we belong to Jesus.....

.....I note that some people do not know what a Concubine was, they were in fact legal.....just below a wife...

In the Bible denotes a female conjugally united to a man, but in a relation inferior to that of a wife. Among the early Jews, from various causes, the difference between a wife and a concubine was less Marked than it would be amongst us. The concubine was a wife of secondary rank. There are various laws recorded providing for their protection (Exodus 21:7; Deuteronomy 21:10-14), and setting limits to the relation they sustained to the household to which they belonged (Genesis 21:14; 25:6). They had no authority in the family, nor could they share in the household government.

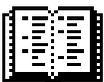
A wife of inferior condition; a lawful wife, but not united to the man by the usual ceremonies, and of inferior condition. Such were Hagar and Keturah, the concubines of Abraham; and such concubines were allowed by the Roman laws. Their children were not heirs of their father.

The immediate cause of concubinage might be gathered from the conjugal histories of Abraham and Jacob (Genesis 16;30). But in process of time the custom of concubinage degenerated, and laws were made to restrain and regulate it (Exodus 21:7-9).

Christianity has restored the sacred institution of marriage to its original character, and concubinage is ranked with the sins of fornication and adultery (Matthew 19:5-9; 1 Corinthians 7:2).

Psa 119:105

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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Psalm 91

1 As for you, the one who lives² in the shelter of the sovereign One,³
and resides in the protective shadow⁴ of the mighty king⁵ –

2 I say this about the LORD, my shelter and my stronghold,
my God in whom I trust –

3 he will certainly rescue you from the snare of the hunter¹
and from the destructive plague. Ps 124:7;

4 He will shelter you with his wings;
you will find safety under his wings.

His faithfulness is like a shield or a protective wall. Ps 57:1;

5 You need not fear the terrors of the night,
the arrow that flies by day, Job 5:19-20; Prov 3:25; Song 3:8;

6 the plague that comes in the darkness,
or the disease that comes at noon.

7 Though a thousand may fall beside you,
and a multitude on your right side,
it will not reach you.

8 Certainly you will see it with your very own eyes –
you will see the wicked paid back.

9 For you have taken refuge in the LORD,
my shelter, the sovereign One.

10 No harm will overtake you;
no illness will come near your home.

11 For he will order his angels
to protect you in all you do. Ps 34:7; Matt 4:6; Luke 4:10;

12 They will lift you up in their hands,
so you will not slip and fall on a stone. Luke 4:11;

13 You will subdue a lion and a snake;
you will trample underfoot a young lion and a serpent. Job 5:22-23;

14 The LORD says,

“Because he is devoted to me, I will deliver him;
I will protect him because he is loyal to me.

15 When he calls out to me, I will answer him.

I will be with him when he is in trouble;

I will rescue him and bring him honor.

16 I will satisfy him with long life,
and will let him see my salvation.