

Notes

30 Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met Him. 31 When the Jews who were in the house consoling Mary saw how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. 32 When Mary came to Jesus and saw Him, she fell at His feet and said, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 34 "Where have you put him?" He asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they answered.

35 Jesus wept.

36 Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!"

37 But some of them asked, "Could not this man who opened the eyes of the blind also have kept Lazarus from dying?"

38 Jesus, once again deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 39 "Take away the stone," Jesus said.

"Lord, by now he stinks," said Martha, the sister of the dead man. "It has already been four days."

40 Jesus replied, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted His eyes upward and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42 I knew that You always hear Me, but I say this for the benefit of the people standing here, so they may believe that You sent Me."

43 After Jesus had said this, He called out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

44 The man who had been dead came out with his hands and feet bound in strips of linen, and his face wrapped in a cloth.

"Unwrap him and let him go," Jesus told them.

45 Therefore many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in Him.

[46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

47 Then the chief priests and Pharisees convened the Sanhedrin and said, "What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. 48 If we let Him go on like this, everyone will believe in Him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

49 But one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all! 50 You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."

51 Caiaphas did not say this on his own. Instead, as high priest that year, he was prophesying that Jesus would die for the nation, 52 and not only for the nation, but also for the scattered children of God, to gather them together into one.

53 So from that day on they plotted to kill Him.]

Gospel Reading Option B: John 11:17–27, 38–53

Looking Ahead: Palm Sunday

Old Testament	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm	Psalm 118:19-29
Epistle	Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel	John 12:20-43