

A group of diverse people, including men and women of various ethnicities, are smiling and laughing joyfully. In the center, a man with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe with a brown sash, is smiling broadly. The background is a warm, golden glow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

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Message Bible Translation

The Passion Translation (TPT) Amplified Bible (AMP)

“For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.

John 3:16 (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition)

“A man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha...So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Master, the one you love so very much is sick...Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.”

John 11:1-5 (The Message Bible)

“For God shows no partiality [undue favor or unfairness; with Him one man is not different from another].”

Romans 2:10-11 (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition)

“So, then faith eliminates the distinction between Jew and non-Jew, for he is the same Lord for all people. And he has enough treasures to lavish generously upon all who call on him.”

Romans 10:12 (The Passion Translation)

“Peter said, “Now I know for God doesn’t show favoritism with people but treats everyone on the same basis.”

Acts 10:34 (The Passion Translation)

Have you ever felt like God loves others more than He loves you? Nothing seems to be working for you- your friends (or siblings) keep changing jobs, getting married, having babies, always sharing testimonies about the goodness of God. In those moments, the voice of discouragement whispers, “God must love them more,” or “My life isn’t as important to Him.”

You are not alone. Even Lazarus’ sisters, Mary and Martha, thought Jesus loved Lazarus more than them. When they sent a message to Jesus about their brother’s illness, they said, “Our brother Lazarus, the one you love, is very sick. Please come!”

While studying the Gospel of John, I was struck by the short but powerful statement in chapter 11, verse 5: “Now Jesus loved and was concerned about Martha and her sister and Lazarus [and considered them dear friends].” (Amplified Bible).

This brief and powerful verse makes it clear that Jesus’ love extended equally to Martha and Mary, not just to Lazarus.

God loves everyone of us unconditionally. Jesus didn’t need Lazarus to be raised from the dead to prove He loved him. Nor did He need to arrive on time to prove He loved Mary and Martha. Apostle Paul reminds us that God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). His love for you is unconditional, and nothing can separate you from His love – not delay, or illness, or trouble, or pressure, or persecution, or hunger, or deprivation, or danger, or death threats (Romans 8:35). No, these are “all impotent to hinder omnipotent love.” (Romans 8:35b, TPT)

Mary and Martha eventually understood that Jesus delayed not from a lack of love, but His timing was necessary for a greater revelation of His glory. If you’re going through a difficult season, remember this - Your present struggle might be the perfect ground for God to reveal His glory.

The verse confirming that Jesus loved “Martha and her sister and Lazarus” highlights His love for us as individuals. He doesn’t just love you as part of a group. Instead, He knows your individual pain, specific frustrations, and every tear you shed. Hear this truth: Your name is written on the palm of His hands (Isaiah 49:16).

Instead of letting your friends’ successes or life’s disappointments define your worth, choose to refocus your heart on God’s steady, unchanging love. His love for you must never be measured by external circumstances. You are loved. Unconditionally.

“Look with wonder at the depth of the Father’s marvelous love that he has lavished on us! He has called us and made us his very own beloved children. The reason the world doesn’t recognize who we are is that they didn’t recognize him.”

1 John 3:1 (TPT)

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