

**WHO IS IN CONTROL? GOD IS IN CONTROL!**

John 11

<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, take away the stone. <sup>43</sup> Lazarus, come out! John 11:39; 43

Spiritual darkness is the state of a person who is living apart from God.

Spiritual darkness means not having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:4 – 5

But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble. Proverbs 4:19

Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. 2 Corinthians 4:4

**THE STORY OF LAZARUS.**

**1. Jesus receives news that his friend Lazarus is sick. John 11:1 – 16**

**Remember** this about your prayers:

- If the request is wrong God will say no and find ways to get us to grow.
- If the request is right but the timing is wrong, God says take it slow.
- If the request is right and the timing is right and you're right God will say go.

**2. Jesus makes His way to Bethany, home of Lazarus. John 11:17 - 37**

**3. Jesus showed all who were present that day that He was in control. John 11:38 – 44**

<sup>9</sup> When all the people heard of Jesus' arrival, they flocked to see him and also to see Lazarus, the man Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the leading priests decided to kill Lazarus, too, <sup>11</sup> for it was because of him that many of the people had deserted them and believed in Jesus. John 12:9 - 11

**4. Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead was another reason for a plot to kill Jesus. John 11:45 – 53**

Then the leading priests decided to kill Lazarus, too. John 12:10