1 NOW A CERTAIN MAN WAS ILL, LAZARUS OF BETHANY, IN THE VILLAGE OF MARY AND HER SISTER MARTHA. 2 IT WAS MARY WHO ANOINTED THE LORD WITH OINTMENT AND WIPED HIS FEET WITH HER HAIR, WHOSE BROTHER LAZARUS WAS ILL. 3 SO THE SISTERS SENT TO HIM, SAYING, "LORD, HE WHOM YOU LOVE IS ILL." 4 BUT WHEN JESUS HEARD IT HE SAID, "THIS ILLNESS DOES NOT LEAD TO DEATH. IT IS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD, SO THAT THE SON OF GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH IT." JOHN 11:1-37 5 NOW JESUS LOVED MARTHA AND HER SISTER AND LAZARUS. 6 SO, WHEN HE HEARD THAT LAZARUS WAS ILL, HE STAYED TWO DAYS LONGER IN THE PLACE WHERE HE WAS. 7 THEN AFTER THIS HE SAID TO THE DISCIPLES, "LET US GO TO JUDEA AGAIN."

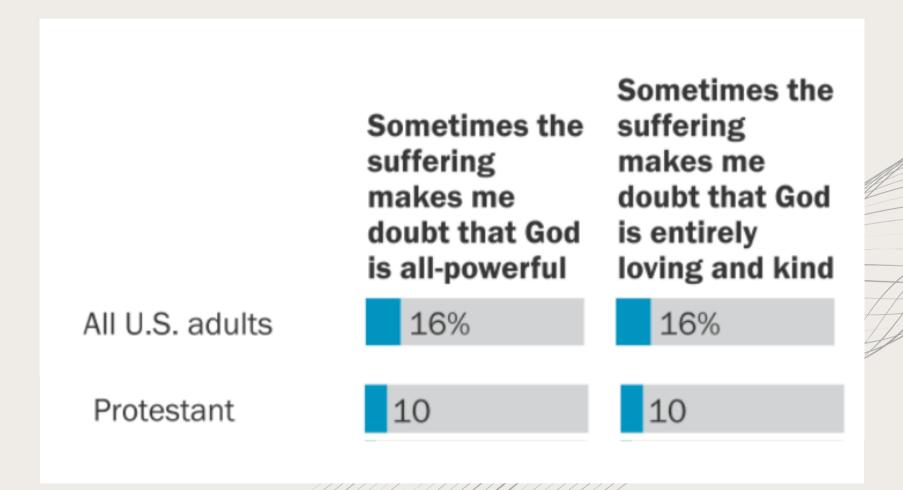
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20 SO WHEN MARTHA HEARD THAT JESUS WAS COMING, SHE WENT AND MET HIM, BUT MARY REMAINED SEATED IN THE HOUSE. 21 MARTHA SAID TO JESUS, "LORD, IF YOU HAD BEEN HERE, MY BROTHER WOULD NOT HAVE DIED. 22 BUT EVEN NOW I KNOW THAT WHATEVER YOU ASK FROM GOD, GOD WILL GIVE YOU." 23 JESUS SAID TO HER, "YOUR BROTHER WILL RISE AGAIN." 24 MARTHA SAID TO HIM, "I KNOW THAT HE WILL RISE AGAIN IN THE RESURRECTION ON THE LAST DAY!

25 JESUS SAID TO HER, "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME, THOUGH HE DIE, YET SHALL HE LIVE, 26 AND EVERYONE WHO LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME SHALL NEVER DIE. DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?" 27 SHE SAID TO HIM, "YES, LORD; I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, WHO IS COMING INTO THE WORLD." 28 WHEN SHE HAD SAID THIS, SHE WENT AND CALLED HER SISTER MARY, SAYING IN PRIVATE, "THE TEACHER IS HERE AND IS CALLING FOR YOU."

29 AND WHEN SHE HEARD IT, SHE ROSE QUICKLY AND WENT TO HIM. 32 NOW WHEN MARY CAME TO WHERE JESUS WAS AND SAW HIM, SHE FELL AT HIS FEET, SAYING TO HIM, "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 HIS SPIRIT AND GREATLY TROUBLED. 34 AND HE SAID, "WHERE HAVE YOU LAID HIM?" THEY SAID TO HIM, "LORD, COME AND SEE."

35 JESUS WEPT. 36 SO THE JEWS SAID, "SEE HOW HE LOVED HIM!" 37 BUT SOME OF THEM SAID, "COULD NOT HE WHO OPENED THE EYES OF THE BLIND MAN ALSO HAVE KEPT THIS MAN FROM DYING?"



% of U.S. adults who say they ____ get angry with God for allowing so much suffering when they see or hear news about terrible things happening to people

	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	%	%	%	%
All U.S. adults	3	14	26	48
Protestant	2	13	29	55

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JOHN 11:25-27

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PURPOSE...

ROMANS 8:28

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JOHN 11:26-27

ALL POWERFUL

I KNOW THAT YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS... (JOB 42:2)

FILLED WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION

MY STEADFAST LOVE SHALL NOT DEPART FROM YOU... (ISAIAH 54:10)

TRUSTWORTHY

THE LORD IS TRUSTWORTHY IN ALL HIS WORDS... (PSALM 145: 13)

PROTECTOR

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH ... (PSALM 46:2)

FULL OF UNDERSTANDING

HE DOES NOT FAINT OR GROW WEARY; HIS UNDERSTANDING IS UNSEARCHABLE. (ISAIAH 40:28)

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JOHN 11:32

1 HOW LONG, LORD? WILL YOU FORGET ME FOREVER? HOW LONG WILL YOU HIDE YOUR FACE FROM ME?

2 HOW LONG MUST I WRESTLE WITH MY THOUGHTS AND DAY AFTER DAY HAVE SORROW IN MY HEART?

PSALM 13:1-2

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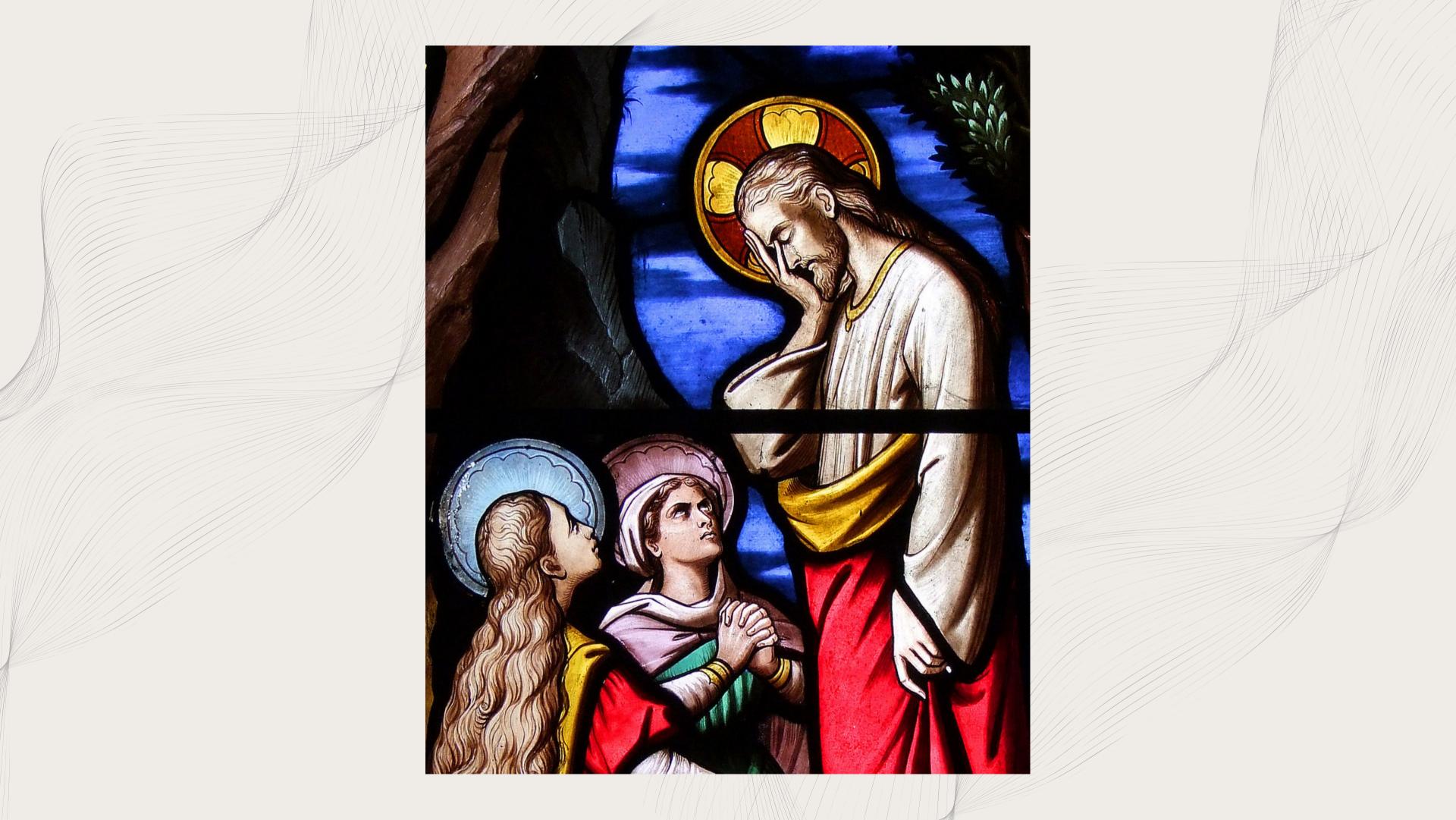
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JOHN 11:35-36

"IF YOU ARE IN CHRIST, YOU HAVE A FRIEND WHO, IN YOUR SORROW, WILL NEVER LOB DOWN A PEP TALK FROM HEAVEN. HE CANNOT BEAR TO HOLD HIMSELF AT A DISTANCE. NOTHING CAN HOLD HIM BACK. HIS HEART IS TOO BOUND UP WITH YOURS."

DANE ORTLUND. GENTLE AND LOWLY