

John 11:1-45 NIV

When God seems late . . .

1. Grasp _____ for you.

So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick" (v. 3).

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus (v. 5).

2. Recognize God's _____ are not necessarily _____.

But when Jesus heard about it he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this." So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, he stayed where he was for the next two days. Finally, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea" (vv. 4-7).

3. Understand our _____ are His _____.

So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him" (vv. 14-15).

4. Expect to _____ in a new way.

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died (v. 21).

But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" (v. 37).

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die" (v. 25).

Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out. (vv. 43-44b).

Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him (v. 45).