

## It's Not Too Late

Online Service Outline and Notes

March 28-29, 2020

### I. A Hard Pill to Swallow - *This sickness is for God's Glory*

**John 11:1-8** (NIV) <sup>1</sup>Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>(This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

<sup>4</sup>When he heard this, Jesus said, "**This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.**" <sup>5</sup>Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup>So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, <sup>7</sup>and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." <sup>8</sup>"But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?"

 What can you do when God seems distant?

### II. What Jesus Sees

**John 11:9-11** (NIV) <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. <sup>10</sup>It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light."

<sup>11</sup>After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "**Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.**"

 Are you awake?

### III. Why John Writes

**John 19:35** (NIV) <sup>35</sup>The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so **that you also may believe.**

### IV. An Amazing Example


#### • Four Days Late

**John 11:17** (NIV) <sup>17</sup>On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

 Where is your faith right now? \_

#### • Death is Not That Big

**John 11:25-26** (NIV) <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup>and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

 Eternal life is available now. \_

#### • Jesus Embraces our Hurt

**John 11:33-34; 39** (NIV) <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup>"Where have you laid him?" he asked. ... <sup>39</sup>"Take away the stone," he said.

 What's in the way of your miracle? \_

#### • Jesus Speaks

**John 11:41-43** (NIV) <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, **that they may believe that you sent me.**" <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

John's challenge for you...

#### This Week's Bible Readings:

Sat Rest  Sun Mark 1:1-8; Josh 12-15  Mon Mark 1:9-20; Josh 16-18

Tue Mark 1:21-34; Josh 19-21  Wed Mark 1:35-45; Josh 22-24

Thur Mark 2:1-12; Judg 1-2  Fri Mark 2:13-17; Judg 3-5  Sat Rest

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