

JESUS DELAYS WHEN HE HEARS THE NEWS ABOUT LAZARUS

(John 11:1-16)

I. AN INTRODUCTION TO JOHN'S GOSPEL

II. THE PROLOGUE: INTRODUCING JESUS CHRIST (1:1-18)

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A. Jesus Predicts Lazarus' Death (11:1-16)

1. This event involved the family of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, who lived in the town of _____ (11:1, 18) which was about two miles outside of _____.
(vv. 1-3)

2. Jesus informed His disciples that Lazarus' sickness was _____ for the _____ of _____, but for the glory of God. (v. 4)

3. John, under the leading of the Holy Spirit included the fact that Christ _____ these three _____ very dearly. (v. 5)

- * Why did the Lord delay two more days after hearing the urgent news? (vv. 6, 17)

- * What does this passage teach us about the Sovereign God's dealings with us?

4. Christ invited His disciples to join Him on returning to Jerusalem; His disciples reminded Him that there had been several _____ on His _____ the last time they were there. (vv. 7-8, cf. 10:31, 39)

5. Verses 9 & 10 can find personal application with Jesus and also with His disciples...

- a. JESUS: "*Twelve hours in the day*" implied that while His time was _____ here on earth, He still had more to accomplish; _____ was going to stop Him from fulfilling His Father's will.
- b. DISCIPLES: "*He does not stumble because he sees the light*" implied that they needed to _____ "*the Light of this world*" in the meantime; He was _____ over their lives.

* What had Christ said about His own life in the Good Shepherd Discourse? (10:17-18)

6. In v. 11 Jesus gives His disciples a "hint" of His intentions "*Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I _____ that I may _____ him _____.*"

7. Christ's disciples were thinking on the human level that Lazarus was merely sleeping, but the Father's will was _____ to cure Lazarus' sickness but to actually _____ him _____. (vv. 12-13)

8. Jesus stated that He was glad that He didn't make it in time to save His dear friend, in order to _____ and _____ the _____ of His disciples. (vv. 14-15)

* Why would Thomas say such a thing in verse 16? (vv. 7-8)

* What can you personally apply from this passage?