



**John 11:1-3**, *A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha.*<sup>2</sup> *This is the Mary who later poured the expensive perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair. Her brother, Lazarus, was sick.*<sup>3</sup> *So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick."*

**John 11:5-6**, *So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, he stayed where he was for the next two days.*

**I. God wants us to consider that what looks like delays may be divine.** [John 11:1-6](#)

**John 11:21**, *"Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died."*

**II. God warns us that weariness can shrink our faith.** [John 11:21-42](#)

**John 11:25**, *I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.*

**John 11:35**, *Jesus wept.*

**III. God wants us to remember that Jesus meets us in our weariness.** [John 11:36-44](#)

**John 11:36-39**, *The people who were standing nearby said, "See how much he loved him!"*<sup>37</sup> *But some said, "This man healed a blind man. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?"*<sup>38</sup> *Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance.*<sup>39</sup> *"Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, protested, "Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible."*

**John 11:43-44**, *Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!"*<sup>44</sup> *And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"*

**IV. God wants us to realize that freedom happens in community.** [John 11:43-44](#)

**Romans 10:9**, *If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*