

FMHTY, PT 3—WAITING ON THE LRD

>I've got some things in my life rght now

*Tht I've been praying abt...

*But whre Gd's mking me wait...wait

>>& this is wht I want us to talk ab tdy

>>>>TITLE: "WAITING ON THE LORD

[READY?]

I- PASSAGE-----WE BEGIN IN JOHN 11

V. 1-Now a man named Lazarus was sick.

He was from Bethany, the village of
Mary & her sister Martha. MAP

B. V 3-"So the sistrs sent word to J sayng,
'Lrd, behold, he whm U love(Laz)is sick

C. V. 4-"When J heard this, he said, 'This
sickness is not unto death, but fr the
glory of Gd, tht the Son of Gd may be
glorified by it.'"

D. V. 5-"Now, J loved Martha & her sister
& Laz. Yet whn he heard Laz was sick,
J stayed whre he was for 2 more days

1. NOTICE: this key element in stry

2. Namely: tht J made M&M WAIT

E. V. 11- "Thn J said to his disciples, 'Our
friend Laz has fallen asleep.'"

- F. V. 12-“& His disciples replied, ‘Lrd,
if he has fallen asleep, he will recover
- G. V. 13-“J had been speaking of Laz’s
death, but his disciples thot he meant
natural sleep.”
- H. V. 14-“Thn J said to them plainly, ‘Laz
is dead; & I am glad fr yur sakes tht I
was not there, so tht U may believe.
But let us go to him.’”
- J. V 17-“So whn J came, He found tht Laz
had already been in the tomb 4 days
- K. V. 20-“When Martha heard tht J was
coming, she went out to meet him,
- L. V. 21-“Martha said to J, ‘Lord, if U had
been here, my brthr wld not’ve died.
- M. Let’s stop&take note--tht Martha mkes
a **huge mistake** in wht she says here
1. Martha: ”Lord, if U had **been here**,
my brother would not have died”
 2. **MISTKE**=tht J had to be physcaly
present in order to heal somebody
- IL: Jn 4:46-“So J came again to Cana,
whre He’d made the water into wine.
& thre was a crtain nobleman whose

- son was sick at Capernaum MAP(20mi)
- *V. 47-“& whn he heard tht J was there,
he went to Him & begged Him to come
(to Caper) & heal his son, fr he was at
the point of death”
- *V. 50-“& J said to him, ‘Go yur way;
yur son lives.’ & the man blved the
word J had spoken & went his way
- *V. 51-“& as he was going, his servants
met him & told him, ‘Yur son lives!’
- *V. 52-“Thn the man inquired of thm
the hour whn his son got better. &
they said, ‘Yesterday, at the 7th hour,
the fever left him.’”
- *V53“The fthr knew tht it was at tht vry
hour tht J had said to him, ‘Yur son
lives!’ So he belvd & all his household
- AP: LISTEN: if LJ had wanted to heal Laz
bfr he died...has such immense pwr
- *He clda done it—from right wherc
He was in Galilee!!
- *MY PT: If J ever makes U WAIT...
- **It’s bc He’s got a good rsn fr it
- **& NOT BEC He can’t handle it

- *To the contrary—there's not a sit in the univ U can bring J...tht He can't handle "on the spot"! **PTL!**
- N. V. 38—"So J came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across it"
- O. V. 39—"Take away the stone,' J said. 'But Lord,' said Martha, 'by this time there will be a stench, for he has been dead for 4 days.'"
- P. V. 40—"J said to her, 'Didn't I say to U tht, if U blve, U will see the glory of Gd?"
- Q. V. 41—"So they removd the stone...& J called out in a loud voice, 'Laz, come frth
- R. V. 44—"Thn the dead man came out, bound hand & foot with gravclothes & with a cloth arnd his face. & J said to the pple, 'Loose him & let him go.'
- S. V. 45—"Thrfre, many of the Jwsh pple who beheld wht J had done, blvd in Him. [**LGUESS SO!**] But some of thm went told the Rabbis wht J had done.
- T. V. 53—"So frm tht day on, the R's plotted to put Jesus to death
- U. Cf--Jn 12:10—"The chief priests made

plans to kill Laz as well, for on acct of him, many Jwsh pple were going over to Jesus & believing in Him”

V. **SO-DID** J **turn** Laz’s death into glory fr Hmslf as Sn of Gd (like He said he wld)?

W. **HEY--U bet yur 401K, he did!**

II- SO WHAT?

A. **REM:** a key elemnt of the evnts in Jn 11

1. Is tht J made M&M **WAIT...WAIT...**

2. **Bfore respnding** to their situation

3. & they wre pretty unhppy ab it too

C. **BOTH:** “Lrd, **IF...** U had been here, my brother would not have died”

D. What exactly were M&M accusing J of?

E. They were **accusing J...of being LATE**

F. This is not jst a prob tht just M&M had

G. **I’ve got this prob too!**

H. **In evry sit-** I knw wht I want Gd to do

1. & how I want him to do it...

2. & when I want him to do it...

3. Which is **RIGHT NOW!!**

J. But just like M&M, Gd often makes

me “**WAIT**” --& it drives me crazy

[**Can any of U relate to this?? AMEN!**]

SAY: “So Lon—this begs the Q:

*”Why didn’t J go to Bthny imed’ly?

*”Why didn’t J heal Lazarus imed’ly?

*”& why doesn’t Gd step in& solve all my prb’s imd’ly whn I ask him to?

A: Well—the answer is found in **Is 55**

Is 55:8-“My thots are not yur thots,
neither are yur ways my ways, [ADD
NEITHR IS YUR TIMING MY TIMING]
says the Lrd. ‘For as high as the hvns
are above the earth, so are my ways
higher than yur ways & my thots
higher than yur thots [& MY TIMING
HIGHER THN YUR TIMING]”

K. **REM:** V. 4-(J)”this sickness is... fr the
gtry of Gd, tht SoG may be glrified by it

L. Gd had a perfect plan fr Laz’s sickness
namely: to bring glory to J

M. But Gd also had a perfect timing for
this perfect plan...SEE:

1.Healing Laz wlda brot J some glory

2.Raisng Laz frm dead brot J max glry

N. J didn’t want to arrive in Bethny whn
Laz was sick--& HEAL him!

O. He wantd to arrive in Beth whn Laz
was stone-cold, stinking-in-the-tomb
DEAD--& RESURRECT him!

P. & tht's why J made M&M **WAIT...**
[DO WE ALL SEE THIS?]

Q. **LISTEN FLKS:** Gd's *never* early...

1.& Gd's nevr *late*...evn tho we often
accuse him of this

2.Flks-Gd is *always* rght on schedule

R. **Whenever** Gd asks us to "**wait**"...

1.He *knows* what He's doing!

2.Whther *U/I* understand it--or not

S. We see this truth throughout the B

1.Whn **M&Is's** were trappd at RedSea
& Phar was bearing dwn on thm,
I'm sure thy thot **Gd was LATE**

*But hey--Gd showed up right on
schedule, didn't he? **BECAUSE...**

*By *waiting* til Phr arrivd to open Sea

*Gd swallowed up all Phr's chriots

*& made it imposs fr Phr to pursue Is's
into the Sinai desert & harass thm

2.Hey-whn **Dvd** hid frm Saul fr 7 yrs

*I'm sure Dvd thot **Gd was late...**

- *But whn Gd removed Saul without Dvd having to lay a finger on him
- *Enabling Dvd to cnsolidate kngshp of Is w/out a bloody civil war
- *Dv realizd tht, as always, Gd had been right on schedule

3. Whn **Ruth & Naomi** wandered bck into Bthlehem as destitute widows

*I'm sure thy *both* thot **Gd was late**

*But, hey-Boaz was right on schedule

T. Prov 16:9-“The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps”

1. True mn/wmn of Gd believe this

2. Tht Gd has bettr ways of getting us

***Where** we need to be...

***When** we need to be there...

*Thn any plan we cld mke fr slves

U. & thrfre--whn Gd asks true mn/wn of Gd to “wait”--

1. As hard as it may be...& it is hard

2. They **wait** !

CONCLUSION

If Gd's asking U to wait on Hm right now

*Wht He's rilly askng U to do is trust Hm

*Tht His plan/timing is the best fr U

**Tht He hasn't forgotten U

**Tht's he not uncaring ab yur sit

*But tht He's setting evrythng up to do

“exceeding abundantly above” wht

U've asked Him to do(Eph 3:21)

>>>>Folks—I know it's hard—trust me

*But when Gd asks us to “wait”...

*We must trust Gd-& wait

>We must refuse to rush out in fleshly impetuosity & take mtrs into our own hands

>>>More blessings are lost in Chr life bec of doing this...

*Than for any other single reason

>>>>Wait on God---Trust God...

>>>>& while U're waiting—cling to His great promise--**Isa 49:23-Those who wait on Me shall never be put to shame.”**

Song we're abt to sing:

“We won't move without U”