

Big idea: Jesus loves you and he knows what he's doing, even when you don't. Of this you can be certain.

I. Introduction to chapter 11...

- A. John 11 gives us the FINAL sign miracle – the 7th one
 - 1. Water to WINE – ch 2
 - 2. Officials SON healed – ch 4
 - 3. LAME man by the pool – ch 5
 - 4. Feeding FIVE thousand (likely 20,000) – ch 6
 - 5. WALKING on water – ch 6
 - 6. Sight to the BLIND man – ch 9
 - 7. LAZURUS raised – ch 11

- B. The final miracle is a FORESHADOWING of what's to come

- C. The chapter DIVIDES into two main parts:
 - 1. The RAISING of Lazarus – vs. 1-44

 - 2. The DECISION to kill Jesus – vs. 45-57

II. Love delayed...

- A. The SETTING vs. 1-2
 - 1. The WHEN

 - 2. The WHO
 - LAZURUS

 - MARY
 - What we know from LUKE'S gospel

 - What we didn't KNOW from John (at least not yet)

 - MARTHA

3.The WHERE

4.The WHAT

B. Love that WAITS vs. 3-6

1. This is to be EXPECTED

- The CHALLENGE
- The IMPLICATION

2. This is not the EXPECTED vs. 4-6

- An ADVERSATIVE? v. 4a
- A LESSON we've seen before v. 4b-5
 - What Jesus MEANS
 - The OVERRIDING truth
 - A statement of ASSURANCE
- God's TIMING v. 6
 - What seems like CALLOUS disregard...
 - ...Will be for their GOOD and God's GLORY

III. What we take away... We can't always judge God's love by what we see, we have to trust what we know to be true.