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A Love Greater Than Death, Part 2

John 11:1-16

I. Jesus Christ is the Christian's Best Friend in the Time of Need (vv. 1-4)

- A. Notice the **closeness** of Jesus to the people of this world (vv. 1-3)
[Lk. 10:38-42; Jn. 12:3; 20:30-31; Jn. 11:36; Rom. 5:8; Jn. 15:13]
- B. Notice the **purpose** of trials is that God may glorify the Son (v. 4)
[Jn. 9:1-3; Jn. 2:11; Jms. 1:2-4]

II. Jesus Christ Must Be Trusted Even When Things Fall Apart (vv. 5-10)

- A. Jesus _____ about
how and when to come to your rescue (vv. 5-7) [Ps. 27:14;
Rom. 12:12; Jms. 5:8; Isa. 55:8-9]
- B. Jesus _____ in the _____ and will
accomplish what He sets out to do (vv. 8-10) [Jn. 17:4, 26; Lk. 13:33;
Jn. 9:4]

III. Jesus Christ Does All That He Does So That You May Believe (vv. 11-16)

- A. How _____ are the words that Jesus uses to
speak of the death of believers (vv. 11-13) [I Kgs. 2:10; 11:43; Dan. 12:2;
Matt. 9:24; 27:52; Acts 7:60; 1 Cor. 15:20; 1 Thes. 4:13-14]
- B. How _____ are the ways that Jesus uses to
lead people to believe (vv. 14-15) [Prov. 3:5]
- C. How _____ are the doubters that
stay in their despair and their gloom (v. 16) [Jn. 20:25]

TAKE HOME

- The _____ you are to Jesus, the more you will see
how much He loves you.
- The more you _____ Jesus, the more
comforted you will be even when life doesn't make sense.
- The more you _____ what Jesus does in your
life, the more you will see it all points to you believing in Him.

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 11:1-3. How close is Jesus with Lazarus, Mary, and Martha? What do we learn from Mary and Martha in Luke 10:38-42? What do we learn about Mary in John 12:1-3? What is the most clear way that Jesus shows His love for you? (Rom. 5:8; Jn. 15:13)

2. Read John 11:4. What did Jesus mean when He said, “This illness does not lead to death”? How was this illness used for the glory of God? (Jn. 9:1-3; Jn. 2:11; Jms. 1:2-4)

3. Read John 11:5-7. Why did Jesus stay two days longer in the place where He was? What does Isaiah 55:8-9 teach us about God’s wisdom?

4. Read John 11:8-10. Why didn’t the disciples want to go back to Judea? What was Jesus’ answer? How does that apply to our lives today?

5. Read John 11:11-13. How did Jesus speak of death? How does the Bible speak of death? Why do you think the Bible speaks of death in this way? How can that help us when we think of death?

6. Read John 11:14-15. What was the mysterious thing that Jesus says in verse 15? At a surface reading why does this seem so odd? Why was Jesus glad that He was not there?

7. Read John 11:16. Who was Thomas? How was he characterized? (Jn. 20:25) What good thing did Thomas do or show in John 11:16? How was this courageous?

8. Read the take home points. Which one encourages you or challenges you the most? Why? How will you live your life differently this week based on what you have learned in this passage?

“God’s delays are not God’s denials. If our prayers are not answered immediately, perhaps He is teaching us to wait, and if we wait patiently, we will find that He will answer our prayers in a much more marvelous way than we ever anticipated.

Not even His love for Martha, Mary, and Lazarus could force Christ to act ahead of the proper time.”

- William McDonald, *Believer’s Bible Commentary*