

SERIES: Gospel of John
Lazarus and the Unusual Love of Jesus
John 11:1-16

Jesus Comes to His Friends After Delay (11:1-6)

- When Lazarus grows sick, Mary and Martha send for Jesus because they know he loves Lazarus.
- Because Jesus loves them, he chooses to _____.
- By choosing to delay, Jesus is allowing Lazarus to _____.
 - The illness did not lead _____ death...
 - But it did lead _____ death.
- Jesus explains that the ultimate point of his death is to reveal the _____ of God.
 - True love is when God gives us what we need the _____.
 - What we need most is not healing, but a full and endless experience of the glory of God.
 - By letting Lazarus die, Jesus shows more of his glory to us than if he had let him live.
 - The love of God is the gift of _____.
 - Do not measure God's love for you by how much health, wealth, and comfort he brings you.
 - Measure God's love for you by how much of himself he shows you. (John 17:3)
 - "*Love is doing whatever you need to do to help people see and savor the glory of God in Christ forever and ever.*" – John Piper

Jesus Carries Out His Father's Plan to Die (11:7-10)

- The disciples are not excited about Jesus' plans to go back to Judea where they had tried to stone him.
- Jesus replies that he is _____ as long as he is doing the Father's will.
 - The daylight period of his ministry may be closing, but it is wrong to quit before the 12 hours are up.
 - The time will come soon enough when he will not be able to work.
- Irony: Jesus goes to rescue his friend from death which eventually leads to his own execution.
 - Jesus was _____ until his time to die on the cross.
 - No one will cut his ministry _____.

Jesus Causes Our Faith to Deepen (11:11-15)

- The disciples _____ death.
- For Jesus' _____, death is no worse than sleep.
 - Like sleep, death is _____.
 - Those who are Jesus' friends will one day be awokened by him.
- Jesus takes great joy in strengthening the faith of his disciples.

Jesus Calls Us to Follow Him Unto Death (11:16)

- Thomas' name means _____.
 - Thomas is always known as a _____ man. (John 20:24-28)
 - But here we see him as a _____ man.
- Thomas may not be full of faith, but he is logical and loyal.
 - The only way to have eternal life with Jesus is to be ready to _____ with him. (John 12:25)
 - To die with Jesus is to _____ with Jesus.