

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 awakened 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.