

# ENCOUNTERING JESUS

LAZARUS



Waiting

Why doesn't God do something

about ... it ?

# Waiting...

so that

- John 11:1

Now a man named Lazarus was sick.  
He was from Bethany, the village of  
Mary and her sister Martha.

- John 11:1

This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now  
lay sick, was the same one who poured  
perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet  
with her hair.

- John 11:2

So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord,  
the one you **love** is sick,”

- John 11:3

J<sub>esus</sub>  me



Now Jesus **loved** Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.

- John 11:5-6

Now Jesus **loved** Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days. Then he said to his disciples; **“Let us go back to Judea..”**

- John 11:5-7

“But Rabbi,” they said “a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?”

- John 11:7-8

Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight?. Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world’s light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.” - John 11:9-10

After he had said this, he went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going to wake him up.” His disciples replied, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.”

- John 11:11-12

Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So then he told them plainly,

**“Lazarus is dead...”**

- John 11:13-14

.. and for your sake I am glad I was not  
there, so that you may believe.

- John 11:15

With God, a **waiting** season  
is never a **wasted** season...



for your sake I am glad I was not there,  
so that you may believe. But let us go  
to him.”

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- John 11:15

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb, four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem and **many Jews** had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. - John 11:17-19

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

- John 11:20-21


You could have, you should have,  
you didn't.

But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again,” Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” ❤️

- John 11:23-24

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you **believe** this?”

- John 11:25-26

“Yes Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God who is to come into the world... 

- John 11:26-27

Sometimes God wants to do something

in you,



before he does something for you.



And after she had said this, she went back and called her sister aside...

- John 11:28-34

Jesus wept...

- John 11:35-40

Then Jesus looked up and said:

- John 11:41

“Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, **that they** may **believe** that you sent me.”

- John 11:41-42

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, **“Lazarus, come out!”**

The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

- John 11:43-44

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.” Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

- John 11:44-45

Why doesn't God do something  
about ... it ?

He **can**. Sometimes He **waits**.

I can still **trust** Him ...



For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, even as I was also fully known.

1 Corinthians 13:12