

Jesus Knows Best

John 11:1-16

THE GOD
WHO KNOWS YOU
BEST
KNOWS THE BEST
FOR YOU.

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Have you ever...

- ▶ Have you ever been in situation that just **make no sense**?
- ▶ Something was always working fine and all of a sudden it stop working? (relationship, health, etc.)
- ▶ Or you asked God for something and He gave you the **opposite**? (or just **nothing** happen)
- ▶ That was precisely what happened to **Mary & Martha** here in John chapter 11



- Jesus could have healed Lazarus but He didn't
- Also clearly Jesus **loved** Lazarus and His sisters (v.5) and they knew it well (v.3)
- Therefore, all these just make no sense...
- Think about all the tears, pains, and sufferings that Jesus could have **avoided** if He went 2 days early and saved Lazarus before his death
- Better, why not just no sickness in the first place?
- BTW: Anyone that taught you that God must heal each time after you prayed has not read this chapter, or they should have told Mary & Martha



...Felt Betrayed by God?

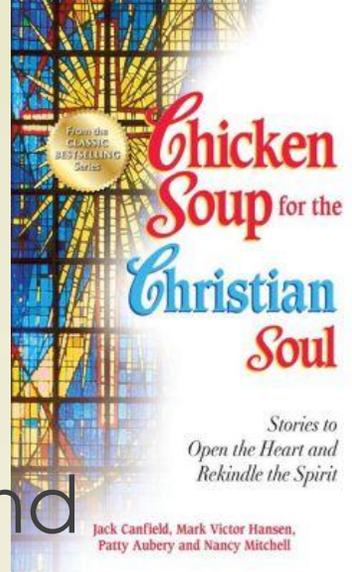


- Moreover, Jesus has promised that this sickness would not lead to death (v.4) This is even stranger...
- Just imagine the sisters were **waiting** for Jesus and **trusting** that their brother would not die...but Jesus did not show up, and then Lazarus died ☹️
- Have you experienced this before? Did you feel **betray**? How did you feel at that moment?
- (v.4) Is the “glory of God” even worth it with so much pain? (even if you’ve believed in God)

Observation #1

God Has Something **Better** in Mind

- Clearly God has something **BETTER** in mind than **healing** Lazarus right away
- This is not hard to imagine. (i.e. chicken soup) especially as a theological concepts
- But are you willing to accept the “better” when what you want is “**good**” enough?
- (Isa. 55:9) Are you willing to hear this truth?



God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks to us in our conscience, but shouts in our pains. Pain is God's megaphone to rouse a deaf world. C. S. Lewis



Observation #2 Jesus **Always** Has a **Plan**

- ▶ Jesus was trying to explain His plan to them (v.6-16)
- ▶ The disciples really thought Jesus **gone nuts** (v.16)
- ▶ The interesting thing is: they still **followed!!!!**
- ▶ This is actually beautiful: they were about to witness the glory of God because they followed Jesus in spite of they thought the plan was crazy
- ▶ We don't need to understand the whole plan, all Jesus requires of us is to follow Him—a **simple faith** that Jesus knows best

Observation #3 Jesus Wept

- ▶ Jesus is not a cold calculating machine, just coolly plotting what's **best** for us, in spite of how we would feel about it, how much **pain** we would **suffer**
- ▶ He **knew** that Mary and Martha was devastated, and He cried with them (John 11:30-37; Psalm 56:8; Matt 10:30)
- ▶ God treasures our tears and do not want them to fall easily. Nevertheless there are times these tears are good for us, and God will cry with us (Psalm 142)



Conclusion: Jesus Came in 2 days

- At the right time God always **comes** (moves)
- At the right time He always **wipes away our tears**
- God can ONLY do the **right thing**. The truth—the right thing in the wrong time is still the wrong thing
- Jesus knows what's **best** for us and has a **plan** for us. It is up to us to **follow** Him

1 Peter 5:7 *Casting all your anxieties on Him, because he **cares** for you. (and cries with you too)*

