

Adult Impact Study Sheet

June 25, 2023

If possible, read **John 11:1-57** from several translations.
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1. Before we get into this morning's passage, discuss various events in Scripture when God's timing didn't fit into man's timing, and how that worked out for the glory of God and the good of the person(s) involved.
2. When Jesus heard that Lazarus was sick (of course, He already knew) verses 5 and 6 say that "He stayed two more days in the place where he was" because He "loved Martha and her sister [Mary] and Lazarus. When God seems slow in answering your prayer(s), do you ever question His care?

"In times of waiting, believers should interpret circumstances by the love of Christ rather than trying to interpret Christ's love by the circumstances."¹ Have you ever thanked God for delays in answering prayer (before the answer comes), trusting that He is acting in love?

3. In what ways did Jesus show His love, compassion, and kindness in His initial delay, in encouraging Martha and Mary, and finally the raising of Lazarus from the dead.

How did Martha, Mary, and the disciples benefit from this event?

4. Read verses 36-37. Does it ever happen that we as believers see God do something for someone else and wonder why He doesn't act in the same way for our need. Discuss that.
5. Discuss Dr. Tony Evans's statement, "As you wait on God, His clock of timing will be activated on your behalf, because you are cooperating with Him, His Word, and His methodology."
6. Read John 12:9-11. How does that relate to your having received new life in Christ?

¹ The Jeremiah Study Bible, 1461