

Miracles Still Happen
John 11:1-27

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I. When God delays. John 11:1-6

Jesus does the _____ and stays where He was for two full days instead of rushing to the bedside of His friend and healing him right away.

- "What if trials of this life are Your mercies in _____?"
(Laura Story, *Blessings*)

We should simply make our requests known to God and then leave the _____ up to Him, because He will give what is best for His children.

Philippians 4:6-7

II. Why did Jesus wait to go to Bethany? John 11:3

In His own time and His own way, the Lord will make a _____ when there seems to be no way.

1. So the people witnessing the event could be assured that Lazarus was really dead before performing the _____.
2. To prove God the Father was real and Jesus is God the Son: He is **the Resurrection and the Life.**

Without Death, there can be no _____.

3. Jesus never arrives "_____ " to fulfill His purposes.

III. Short-sided disciples. John 11:7-16

"The Father has given Me a _____ to complete." Nothing can stop Jesus from completing His mission.

- The story that began with grief would end in _____.

IV. The ultimate question. John 11:17-27

Luke 10:41-42 is not an _____ against Jesus' power; instead this is a statement of faith, in who Jesus is.

- **John 11:26, "Do _____ believe this?" NKJV**

V. Practical Application.

"Our daily interactions with God need to invigorate and renew that vision so that we can awaken and live with a deep sense of _____."

(Scott Calvin)

- Do we want to serve the Lord and be _____ by Him, as He performs miracles?

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. *What were some of the reasons Jesus stayed in the place where He was for two extra days after learning about Lazarus?*
John 11:6,39, Romans 4:17
2. Many people ask, "Where is God?" when they are undergoing times of intense trial and difficulty. *What does this section tell us about His timing and where He is while we wait?*
Psalms 27:14, Isaiah 41:10, Habakkuk 2:3, 2 Peter 3:8-9
3. *What application can we take from John's statement in verse 5, "Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus"?* Especially as it regards our own suffering and loss?
Psalms 34:19, Psalm 56:8, Isaiah 43:2, Romans 8:18, Revelation 21:4
4. *Were there times in your life when you've asked God for something and He didn't give it to you? Have you ever kept asking for that thing until you felt you crossed a "point of no return"? A point at which not even God could do anything about? What are some of these?*
5. *Why were the disciples hesitant to go back to the Judean area?*
John 10:30-39, John 11:8
6. Discuss the Practical Application from this sermon.
Isaiah 6:8, John 20:29, Acts 4:13, Hebrews 11:6, Hebrews 13:8-9