

The Gospel of John week 11

John 11:1-44

John 11:14-15 (NLT) So he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. And for your sakes, I’m glad I wasn’t there, for now you will really believe. Come, let’s go see him.”

This miracle happened to remove all _____ that Jesus was the Messiah.

John 11:21 & 32 (NLT) “Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

Even strong faith can be _____;
we have to keep journeying.

John 11:35 (NLT) Then Jesus wept.

The shortest verse in the Bible shows the emotional and _____ side of God; He cries with us.

John 11:44b (NLT) Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him go!”

Even when God intervenes, we still have to journey through the _____.

John 11:45-57

The tension between Jesus and the Jewish leaders is raised to its _____ point.

John 11:53 (NLT) So from that time on, the Jewish leaders began to plot Jesus’ death.

Final Thought: What is delaying your journey? Jesus is there to help us through the next _____ and get us moving forward in our faith.

John 11 Discussion Questions

Describe a time in your life that God worked in such a way that there was no other possible explanation other than divine intervention.

Read John 11:17-38. We see three different responses to the grief of Lazarus dying; Martha was active, walking around and met Jesus. Mary was more emotional and secluded. Jesus became angry. Which response to grief have you seen most from people? Which response do you typically have to grief? Explain.

Review the five hurdles to the faith journey that we saw in this story. How have you seen or experienced each one in your lifetime? Explain.

So what is delaying your journey?

1. Is it doubt that Jesus really is the Messiah, that He can save?
2. Is it putting God in a box with short-sighted faith?
3. Is it feeling judged by God instead of love and empathy?
4. Is it staying too much in the past and not living fully into the future?
5. Is it ignoring a problem instead of dealing with it directly?

Which hurdle are you currently facing in your faith journey? Is it more than one? What action steps can you come up with to get over that hurdle? (Example for hurdle 3, I will memorize John 11:35, and any time I experience hurt I will recite it and remind myself that God is crying with me.)