

that you would believe

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

SERMON NOTES

WAITING ON GOD!

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**Act 1:
Request Denied!**

JOHN 11:1-6 (NIV)

¹Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped His feet with her hair. ³So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." ⁴When He heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." ⁵Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶Yet when He heard that Lazarus was sick, He stayed where He was two more days.

**Act 2:
The Death of a Good Friend!**

JOHN 11:11-14, 17 (NIV)

¹¹After He had said this, He went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." ¹²His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." ¹³Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. ¹⁴So then He told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead..." ¹⁷On His arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

Act 3: Emotions Erupt!

JOHN 11:18-22 (NIV)

¹⁸Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet Him, but Mary stayed at home. ²¹“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But I know that even now God will give You whatever You ask.”

Act 4: The Greater Revelation!

JOHN 11:23-26 (NIV)

²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”

Epilogue

JOHN 11:38-44 (NIV)

³⁸Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹“Take away the stone,” He said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he’s been there four days.” ⁴⁰Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard Me. ⁴²I 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.” ⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out..
