

“When Jesus Doesn’t Make Sense”

John 11:1-44

Sermon Series: “Trials”

Introduction: I think that if we are honest we have to admit the way that Jesus works in our lives does not always make sense to us. We sometimes spend time wondering what He is up to. At times, this can really challenge our faith. In John 11 we see a situation where the way that Jesus handled it did not really make a lot of sense to His followers. I think there is a lot we can learn from how Jesus handled this situation that we can personally apply when He doesn’t seem to make sense in our lives.

There are at least 5 things that Jesus did that could have been confusing to those around Him:

1. **Jesus loved Lazarus, but he was sick (v. 3).**
2. **Jesus was friends with these people, but He did not heed their request (v. 3).**
3. **Lazarus died after Jesus said this was a sickness not unto death (v. 4).**
4. **Jesus waited to go to see until after he was already dead, which made Jesus seem late (v. 14-15).**
5. **Jesus went to a place where people wanted to kill Him after his friend was already dead (v. 8, 16).**

Principles We Can Apply When Jesus Doesn’t Make Sense

1. **Jesus is always in complete control.**
 - A. **He has complete knowledge, including the outcome.**
 - B. **He has a perfect plan.**
 - C. **He has impeccable timing.**
2. **His ultimate purpose is God’s glory and our good (v. 4, 15).**
3. **He is personally concerned about us (v. 3, 5, 33-36).**
4. **He has the power to handle the situation (v. 17-27, 38-44).**