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Read John 11:

1 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) 3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." 4 When 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." 5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, ... 11 After 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." ... 14 So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, 15 and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ... 17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ... 20 When 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. ... 30 Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ... 32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

1. What are some reasons that God waits to answer our prayers?

Vs. 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 5 & 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 15 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Martha and Mary both say the exact same thing to Jesus (Vs. 21 & 32) which tells us something about our human nature- that we often think and act like those we are closest to. Why is it important to develop close relationships with people who speak life and faith? Have you ever noticed your close friends rubbing off on you in either a negative or positive way?

3. Why were Mary and Martha both incorrect in their statements to Jesus? (John 4:46-47, 50-53)

4. Vs. 4 says that this particular sickness was for Jesus' glory and that death would not have the final word. Have you ever experienced pain or sickness or the death of a loved one and been able to see the glory of Jesus?

5. Why does death not have the final Word? (John 11:25-26)

Spend some time in prayer, and trust Him in the waiting.