

Pastor Kempiz Hernandez • Compass Bible Church • April 5 & 8, 2022 • John 11:1-16

**LESSON IN THE MIDST OF CRISIS**

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. As you’re introduced to this particular family in **John 11:1-2**, what is significant about the family of Lazarus, Mary and Martha? Where else in the Gospels do any of them appear, and what do we know about them?

2. In **John 11:3-4**, Jesus is made aware of Lazarus’ sickness. What do you make of Jesus’ answer, and where have we just seen the same answer by Jesus in **John 9**?

3. Read **Isaiah 55:8-9** and **Romans 11:33-36**. As you think about Jesus’ statement regarding God’s Glory (**John 11:4**), what do these passages tell us about God’s “ways” that should motivate us to trust Him, even when we don’t fully understand what He’s doing? What makes this hard?

4. In **John 11:5-6**, John comments that the Lord Jesus “loved” Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. If that’s the case, why do you think Jesus later allows him to die by not showing up sooner?

5. Jesus’ dealing with this family “in His own time,” has pertinence for our trials and even our prayers. Though God loves us as His children, why do you think God often keeps us in our trials, rather than take us out of them immediately?

6. Read **James 1:1-9** and **1 Peter 1:6-9**. What Lesson(s) might God be teaching us in allowing us to experience difficulties? Can you give example(s) of lessons God taught you by allowing you to go through affliction?

7. What do verses 7-10 in John 11 once again teach us about Jesus’ Divine prerogative in fulfilling His Father’s will? Where else in John have we read of Jesus operating in His time, and not subject to others?

8. Read **Proverbs 21:30** and **Psalm 33:10-11**. How does the knowledge that nothing can thwart the plan of God comfort us as His people?

9. Although His disciples have made progress, how does **John 11:11-13** show their need to continue being strengthened in their faith? In like manner, how do we, too, often show our need to grow stronger in faith, even though we’ve seen God’s mighty hand at work in our lives?

10. What do you make of Jesus’ statement in **John 11:15**, that His miracle will also be that His disciples “may believe?” Can you think of examples in your Christian journey when God has strengthened your faith?