

“TWO MORE DAYS” (John 11)

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INTRO: Let’s approach this story as though we had never heard it before – as though you didn’t know the outcome.

I. THE NEED (vv. 1-5).

- A. Lazarus was sick, and his sisters let Jesus know (vv. 1-3).
- B. Is there a serious need you’ve been bringing to Jesus?
- C. Jesus said this sickness wouldn’t end in death (vv. 4-5).
- D. What has Jesus said to you regarding your situation and in what way might God be glorified?

II. THE DELAY (vv. 6-16).

- A. When Jesus heard about Lazarus being sick, He delayed two more days (v. 6). Why?
- B. Have you been experiencing discouraging delays?
- C. Behind the Scenes (vv. 7-16).
 - 1. Two days later, Jesus headed for Judea (vv. 7-8).
 - 2. Jesus is about to come to your Judea!
 - 3. Be careful about taking Scriptures literally that are not meant to be taken literally!
 - 4. Contradictions? No (Rom. 4:17)! Lazarus’ death wasn’t the end – it wasn’t final!
 - 5. Your situation might look like it’s over, but it’s not over until God says it’s over!
 - a. Will you believe God or your circumstances?
 - b. Will you trust God’s sovereignty and timing?
 - c. Would delays be worth it if God gets more glory?

III. JESUS SHOWS UP (vv. 17-45).

- A. Lazarus had been dead & buried for 4 days (vv. 17-19).
- B. Both Martha (vv. 20-22) & Mary (vv. 28-32) felt Jesus wasn’t there for them when they needed Him (vv. 20-22).
 - Can you relate?
- C. Jesus identifies with your grief (vv. 33-36)!
- D. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead (vv. 37-45)!
 - 1. Take away the stone (v. 39)!
 - 2. Take off the grave clothes (vv. 43-44a)!
 - 3. Take off the mask (v. 44b)!

CONCLUSION: Don’t let delays derail your faith!