

## **Ann's Choice Bible Study, John Chapter 11, Wednesday February 10, 2021**

Read John 11: 1-16

1. Who do we read about in these first verses of John 11, and what is their relationship to Jesus?
2. Why did Jesus wait to go to Bethany? What was the stated purpose of Lazarus' illness in verses 4-7?
3. Sometimes God's timing is not what we want. Read 2 Peter 3:8-9. What do you think God is hoping for us when the answers to our prayers don't seem to come in a timely fashion?

Read John 11: 17-27

4. What was the result of Jesus' delay in going to Bethany? Describe the scene.
5. Martha confronted Jesus. What was her accusation? Did she have any hope?
6. How did Jesus describe himself in verse 27? How might we apply this to ourselves as well as to Lazarus?
7. What was Martha's opinion about the identity of Jesus?

Read John 11: 28-37

8. We see the intense sadness of Mary and the Jewish friends who followed her. What was Jesus reaction? Why do you think he showed so much emotion? Can you think of other times when Jesus showed anguish?
  
9. What question did some of the Jewish people ask?

Read John 11: 38-44

10. What was Mary's worry when Jesus told them to take away the stone that sealed the tomb of Lazarus? What did Jesus tell her?
  
11. After the stone was removed, God's Word tells us of Jesus' prayer. Why do you think he prayed out loud?
  
12. Jesus told the onlookers to unbind the risen Lazarus. Why do you think he asked them to unwrap the grave clothes instead of doing it himself?

Read John 11: 45-57

13. What was the reaction of the Pharisees to this miracle?
  
14. What was the main concern of the Sanhedrin? What did Caiaphas propose that they do?
  
15. The high priest was unknowingly prophesying what Jesus would do. Explain how his words foretold the true purpose God had for Jesus.

