

INTRODUCTION

This week, Pastor John provides another example of Jesus navigating some very shaky ground. Jesus was a close friend of Lazarus and his family and had to decide what to do upon hearing Lazarus had died.

DISCUSSION

1. How would you react to Jesus' decision if you were Mary or Martha?
2. Jesus is never late, but understanding God's timing vs. ours is difficult. What are some examples from your own life or the Bible when you or others didn't understand God's perfect timing?
3. Throughout 2020 and so far this year, we all experienced a sense of delay in returning to our normal. Which part of normalcy have you been tempted to jump ahead, control or do what you think is best?
4. Jesus is never oblivious to our circumstances, and He never lets the vision get blurry. In what ways does this encourage you?

DO SOMETHING

1. Contemplate how Jesus is consistent in your own life.
2. Encourage someone in your circle with how you and Jesus care for them.
3. Perform a random act of kindness through one of PLC's Local Partners or for someone whom you know is struggling.

RESOURCES

1. Read *Living the Lazarus Life: A Guidebook for Spiritual Transformation* by Stephen W. Smith
2. Watch *Greater Than* with Francis Chan on RightNow Media
3. Read the article "The Story of Lazarus Encourages Faith"