

Sermon Notes:

When God Doesn't Make Sense

The Gospel Of John -part 8
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John 11:1-44

Intro: Everyone goes through times of questioning when faith begins to lean toward doubt. What do you do when God doesn't make sense?

WHEN GOD DOESN'T MAKE SENSE REMEMBER...

1. HIS **DELAYS** ARE BY **DESIGN**.

*"Now Jesus **loved** Martha and her sister and Lazarus. **So** when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was **two more days**."*

- John 11:5,6 (NIV)

*"He told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead, and **for your sake** I am glad I was not there, **so that you may believe**.'"*

- John 11:14 (NIV)

*"Anyone who walks in the daytime **will not stumble**, for they see by this world's light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for **they have no light**."*

- John 11:9,10 (NIV)

3. HE **CARES** ABOUT YOU IN YOUR **CONFUSION**.

*"**If you had been here**, my brother would not have died. But I know that **even now** God will give you whatever you ask."*

- John 11:21,22 (NIV)

*"Some of them said, '**Could not** he who opened the eyes of the blind man have **kept this man from dying**?'"*

- John 11:37 (NIV)

WHEN GOD DOESN'T MAKE SENSE REMEMBER...

3. HE IS **PRESENT** IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR **PAIN**.

*"Jesus **wept**."*

- John 11:35 (NIV)

*"When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was **deeply moved** in spirit and **troubled**."*

- John 11:33 (NIV)

*"'But, Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there **four days**.'"*

- John 11:39 (NIV)

4. HE CAN **DEEPEN** YOUR FAITH THROUGH **DIFFICULTIES**.

*"**I am the resurrection and the life**. The one who **believes in me** will live, even though they die; and whoever **lives by believing in me** will never die. **Do you believe this?**"*

- John 11:25,26 (NIV)

*"Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that **if you believe**, you will **see the glory of God**?'"*

- John 11:40 (NIV)

*"From that day on they **plotted to take his life**."* - John 11:53 (NIV)