

WHEN GOD DOESN'T MAKE SENSE—2 WHEN GOD SEEMS LATE

- **WITH GOD, A WAITING SEASON IS NEVER A WASTED SEASON.**

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha... ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.” John 11:1, 3

TWO THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN WAITING ON GOD

1) GOD'S DELAYS ARE NOT NECESSARILY GOD'S DENIALS.

When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.” John 11:4

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. John 11:17

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. ²¹ “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” John 11:20-22

2) IF GOD ALWAYS MET YOUR EXPECTATIONS, HE'D NEVER HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCEED THEM.

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die...” John 11:23-26

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"
⁴⁴ *The dead man came out...* John 11:43-44

Talk It Over

- Wondering where God is? Go to His Word in the *When God Doesn't Make Sense* Bible Plan. **go2.lc/whengod**
- What's something you're currently waiting for God to do?
- What can you do to allow room for God to make miracles out of your disappointments?