

Why We Need The Cross Four Days Dead



John 11:1-44

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God doesn't always _____ the way we _____

When it _____ like God _____ too _____

When Jesus _____ you in your _____

When Jesus confronts _____ itself

When Jesus moves _____ the _____

When Jesus _____ the _____ to _____

What _____ really need

The story _____ the story

Questions to think about ...

1. When have you experienced a situation where it felt like God showed up too late? What did that do to your faith in the moment?
2. Martha said, "Lord, if you had been here..." Have you ever found yourself thinking or saying something like that to God? What was behind that?
3. Jesus loved them... and still delayed. Why is it hard for us to believe that God can love us and not act the way we expect?
4. After last week's idea (not earning salvation), why do you think our default is still "I just need to try harder spiritually"? Where does that show up in your life?
5. The Bible says we are "dead" in sin, not just struggling. How is that different from how most people think about their spiritual condition? Why does that matter?
6. Lazarus came out alive but still wrapped in grave clothes. What are some "grave clothes" people might still carry after coming to faith? Why do they sometimes take time to come off?
7. Where do you see yourself in this story right now—waiting, grieving, doubting, or being called to respond?