



Empowering People to Change the World

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John 11:1-16

1) **V1-3 Jesus was real (human). So much so that he had friends.**

Don't let your unrealistic view of Jesus keep you from the best relationship possible. **Hebrews 4:15**.

We open up and connect more deeply with people who are real? Aren't those the kind of people you can relate to, spend time with and trust.

What the bible says about Jesus as our friend.

The proof of friendship.

- John 15:13
- Romans 5:8
- John 15:16

The doorway to friendship is faith.

- James 2:23
- Hebrews 11:6

The privilege of friendship.

- John 15:15
- Hebrews 10:19-25

The deepening of friendship.

- Revelation 3:20
- James 4:8

2) V4. Although Jesus is a man, He is undeniably God. There is a reason why these words are in red. Who talks like this? Only God.

- Psalm 46

3) You better understand from the heart the truths of verses **1-4** before you find yourself in a **John 11:5-6** season. If you don't know that Jesus is human and wants to be your friend as well as the fact that He is fully God you will not survive.

- John 11:5-6.

John 11:5-6 never makes sense until you hear the whole story.

V5-6 The problem with 11:5-6 is that we don't know what Jesus knows. So when we get a season like this in our life it can be very frustrating and potentially faith shaking.

Although we often have no idea what he is up to, Jesus want to do more than answer your request (**Ephesian 3:20-21** Now to Him who is able to do **immeasurably more**).

4). V7 - Look at the length God goes to for those he loves. (Ephesians 3:14-21) How deep is his love?

He will go to any length for us. But, as is the case in this scripture, he usually does not go alone. **He usually takes Disciples with him?** Why is that? Why must the disciples come? Why not just risk His own life and no one else? The Disciples did not help in any way, did they?

Either way, he does bring His disciples. This poses a problem for those of us who want "Safety" as a promise of God.

V8-10 Jesus is not likely to be persuaded. Probably has something to do with the fact that he is "THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE" and any time we tell God something, what ever we share is probably **not** news to Him.

- Disciple 1 "what did he say?"
- Disciple 2 "Something about the light and stumbling or something."
- Disciple 1 "what does that mean?"
- Disciple 3 "It means pack your bags we are going to Judea."

5) Another reminder that Jesus is **The ALMIGHTY GOD in the flesh.** V 11-15 "Raising the dead is as simple as waking a sleeping person". This also tells us that Jesus is willing to risk death for us. And still he has power over death.

6) V16. Jesus is **not** put out by Whole Hearted Disciples. This verse is both faithful and faithless.

- Faithful in that Thomas is willing to die.
- Faithless in that he thinks death is inevitable.

Why do we have full confidence that Jesus can raise the dead to life and also not believe that He has authority over our circumstances. How can we know Him so well yet know him so little?

Let's commit to knowing him more!