

**Where Were You, Jesus?  
When God's Purposes and My Expectations Collide  
John 11**

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**God's g l o r y is more important than my c o m f o r t**

**(John 11:1-16)**

- God's glory is always c e n t r a l to His p u r p o s e (11:1-6)
- God's will takes p r e c e d e n c e over my c o n c e r n s and f e a r s (11:7-16; 6:38;12:44-46)

**God's d e l a y s have a p u r p o s e for my life**

**(John 11:17-37)**

**God's delays cause me to...**

- place l i m i t a t i o n s on what God is a b l e to do (11:17-20, 28-32; Matt 8:5-13)
- be challenged to g r o w deeper in my u n d e r s t a n d i n g of Him (11:21-27; 1:4; 5:24-26)

**God's i n v o l v e m e n t teaches me w h o. He really i s**

**(John 11:38-44)**

**An "I" Examination....**

Do I *concern myself at all* with God's glory? How can I become more aware of that as I go through this week?

How *important to me is God's will* being accomplished in myself and others? What keeps me from getting involved with what God is doing?

What *limitations* have I placed on God by my own perceptions?

What can I begin to do to gain a right perspective about God in one of those areas?