



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 11:1-10 Study Hints for Discussion

[Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further](#)

are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [Class Preparation Guide](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

1. How did Mary and Martha describe Lazarus and his situation? What did they ask Jesus to do?

They said, “he whom you love is ill.” They did not ask or tell Jesus what to do. They trusted He would take the loving, best, and right action.

2. What did Jesus say Lazarus’ death would lead to?

It would not lead to death. It would lead to God’s glory and the glory of the Son of God through it.

3. Why do you think Jesus stayed two days longer instead of rushing to see Lazarus, Mary, and Martha?

He worked according to God's timing, according to the hours of daylight. He also loved the people around Him and those coming to Him for healing and teaching. As much as He loved them, He would not go to see Lazarus, Mary, and Martha until His work was done, and the Father and He would decide when His work was done.

4. How did the disciples feel when Jesus told them that they would be returning to Judea?

They were afraid to go and they told Jesus that the religious leaders had just been wanting to stone Him.

5. What did Jesus say about day and night?

Jesus said that we need to work during the daylight hours when we can see what we are doing. In the night, we cannot see where we are going, and we are apt to stumble. Jesus is the light of the world, and we need to walk and work in His light by following Him. Since Christians must do God's work in this dark world, His light is within us and He will help us see to do God's work. We must not turn to walking away from Jesus into the dark night.

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