

HOW JESUS WORKS WHILE WE WAIT

1

Jesus delays for our _____

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." (vv. 5-7)

KEY IDEA

What we see as _____ is God's

_____ to increase His impact in our lives

2

Jesus develops the _____

Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died." (vv. 16-21)

KEY IDEA

Jesus is far more patient than we _____

– and we are all far more _____ than we realize

3

Jesus declares _____

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (vv. 25-26)

KEY IDEA

The object of our faith isn't an _____

– it's _____

4

Jesus defeats _____

... Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." (vv. 43-44)

KEY IDEA

Jesus' _____ was followed by a

miraculous _____

FINAL THOUGHT