

TWO DAYS

As preached on Sunday, March 8th

Read: John 11:1-16

1. Have you ever wondered about the way God is working in this world? Have you ever felt that God's timing seems a bit "off"... at least by your standards? What impact have these experiences had upon your faith in God?
2. Jesus has moved his ministry back across the Jordan River. It's there that he receives word from Bethany that Lazarus is sick. Who is it who sends word? Why do you suppose they do?
3. What does our text teach us about Jesus' relationship with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus?
4. When Jesus tells his disciples they should go back to Judea, they object. Why?
5. In vv.9-10 Jesus offers a proverb of sorts as an answer. What do you think it means?
6. There's a bit of confusion over what it means that Lazarus is asleep. Why is this?
7. Jesus eventually says it's time to wake Lazarus up. What does he mean when he tells his disciples, *"For your sake I'm glad I was not there"*?
8. Why do you think Jesus waited two days before heading to Bethany? How does it feel to you when you are waiting for God to respond to your cries for help? How can this story help?