

“When Disappointed With God”

John 20:30-31 NLT

The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to **believe** that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have **life** by the power of his name.

Disappointments come, even in a close relationship with Jesus

John 11:1, 3 NLT

A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha.... So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, “Lord, your **dear friend** is very sick.”

John 11:4-6 NLT

But when Jesus heard about it he said, “Lazarus’s sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this.” So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, he stayed where he was for the next two days.

Sometimes your **friends** are disappointed in you

John 11:21 NLT

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, **if only** you had been here, my brother would not have died.

Jesus doesn’t usually operate according to our expectations and our timing.

John 11:22 NLT

“But even now I know that God will give you **whatever** you ask.”

Honesty and Trust

John 11:23-24 NLT

Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise again.” “Yes,” Martha said, “he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day.”

John 11:25-26 NLT

Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who **believes** in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and **believes** in me will never ever die. Do you **believe** this, Martha?”

John 11:27 NLT

“Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I have **always believed** you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God.”

Jesus is deeply angered and deeply troubled by **death**

John 11:32-33 NLT

When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a **deep anger** welled up within him, and he was **deeply troubled**.

Jesus **cares** and has real emotions for your pain

John 11:35 NLT

Then Jesus **wept**.

John 11:38-39 NLT

Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. “Roll the stone aside,” Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man’s sister, protested, “Lord, he has been dead for **four days**. The **smell** will be terrible.”

God’s glory is **worth** the wait

John 11:40 NLT

Jesus responded, “Didn’t I tell you that you would see **God’s glory** if you believe?”

John 11:41-42 NLT

So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will **believe** you sent me.”

Jesus can write a **better story** if you will give him the pen

John 11:43-44 NLT

Then Jesus shouted, “**Lazarus, come out!**” And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him go!”

Will you **believe** in Jesus, even when you are disappointed?

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