

DAY 1 - MONDAY

BELIEVING MORE ABOUT JESUS

SCRIPTURE:

John 11:1-16

OBSERVATION

When Jesus heard that his friend Lazarus' sickness, he said 3 things about it in v.4:

1. It does not lead to death.
2. It is for the glory of God.
3. The Son of God will be glorified through it.

Then Jesus proceeded to wait two days longer in the place where he was. The Scripture tells us that he loved this family (v.5), and yet he let Lazarus suffer physical death so that his disciples would believe (vv.14-15).

Wait a minute...didn't the disciples already believe? Hadn't they already left everything and followed him? Hadn't they told others about Jesus? Hadn't Peter already confessed, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."? Weren't they willing to go back toward Jerusalem, knowing the Jews were seeking to kill him (v.8)? Yes to all of those things. And, yet, Jesus points out that there is still more of him to believe.

Following Jesus isn't like getting an Uber. We don't get in with Jesus just so he can drop us off somewhere else. Jesus is the destination. Where he takes us is really insignificant.

Thomas, as seemingly exasperated as he was, expressed it well in v. 16, saying, "Let us go, that we might die with him." Thomas may not have known it at the time, but he was starting to get it. Jesus told his disciples, "Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27) He was about to set in motion events that would take him to his cross.

APPLICATION

What more is Jesus calling you to believe about him? Where might Jesus be inviting you to go with him? What do you need to deny in order to follow him, and thus be his disciple?

PRAYER

Jesus, I don't always understand you. But, by faith, I believe it will not end in death, it is for the glory of God, and you will be glorified by my obedience.