

For God's Glory

John 11:1-16

Introduction: John 1-10 is a record of Jesus' public ministry; John 11-12 is a 'narrative bridge'. John returns to Jesus' passion in Jerusalem in John 13-20.

John 11:1-16 - "For God's Glory"

John 11:17-44 - "For Dear Friends"

John 11:45-57 - "For God's Purpose"

John 11:1-16 - For God's Glory

Concept: God exists to display his glory and as his creatures we are challenged to live to display the glory of God.

"Timing" - John 11:1-6

"It's Time" - John 11:7-16.

Conclusion: This story has three issues woven together, First, the love of Jesus for three close friends; Second, God's glory that surrounds all the events and happenings of life; Third, God's purposes, in his designs and plans.

God's love

Concept: The best kind of love is 'holy love'.

God's glory - God's glory is the result of who and what God is—it is the natural consequence of his holiness and love.

Concept: Jesus brings himself into the glory of God as another way of declaring his deity.

God's purpose - Romans 9:10-12; 17-23; Ephesians 1:3-14 - To know God is to know that God is trustworthy, absolutely sovereign, infinitely wise and perfect in love.

Concept: It is the nature of God to use his purposes to bring about his glory—he challenges each of us to trust him as he accomplishes that purpose in us at this time in our lives and at this time in the life of our Church.