

SIMPLYJESUS

When Jesus Seems Absent

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Has there been a time you asked God for a “miracle” and saw Him move powerfully in your life, or the life of someone you know? Has there been a time you asked, and asked, but felt unheard?
2. Read John 11. Mary and Martha had confidence, faith, that Jesus was able to heal Lazarus. And, Jesus loved them. How do you interpret Jesus’ waiting two days to go to them?
3. Jesus told Martha, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” It seems that Jesus expected Martha’s belief to extend beyond her human understanding of life and death. Have you ever felt compelled to “believe beyond” in this way?
4. When you read the words, Jesus wept, what do you feel? Can you imagine Jesus weeping over any current situations in your life, or suffering in our world? What does this say to you about Jesus?
5. Lina shares the story of the refugee woman in the tent, learning that “light shines most brightly in the darkness.” What does this mean to you?