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 - ...They Would NOT have Discovered**
 - ...Seven Things We Need to Know**



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- **Daniel 10:12, "Don't be afraid, Daniel..the 1st day..began to pray- I heard"**
- **Mk 4:38, "Master carest not that we perish?" Mk 4:38**

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The Reason We Don't Always...

- **See**
- **Feel**
- **Experience**

...Immediate Answers (*the Next 6 Things Give Insight*)

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#3- God Can Resurrect Your Dead Things! (17)

“ ‘ Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in tomb for 4 days”

Waits Two More Days / Then Takes Off for Bethany

- Arrives After Dead 4 Days
- Legally Dead
- Jewish Custom -Wait Until the 4th day/ Truly Dead

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- Jesus Cried Like We Cry
- Shed Tears Like We Shed Tears
- Moved Like We Are Moved

We Do Not Serve A Distant And Despondent God.

- God that came down/ lived like we live so that He could meet us where we are
- Jesus loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus / He also loves us
- So Don't Afraid to Take Your Concerns to God

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- Interest (34) - *Where Have You Laid Him*
- Invitation (39) - *Roll Away Stone*
- Involved-Empower (43) - *Lazarus Come Forth!*
- Invest (44) - *Loose Him And Let Him Go*



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- Sometimes Bad Things Happen to Good People, for the Glory of God**
- When God Brings You Through a Storm, Share Your Testimony**
- It's Never Too Late for God and it is Not Over Until He Says It's Over**
 - God is Always in Control!**
 - Delay Does Not Mean Denial!**
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Simply Put...

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You Do What You Can Do...

...God Will Do What You Can't Do



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When He Speaks ..

- **Your Lazarus will Come Forth!**
- **You Will Know God Did It!**
- **Others Will Know God Did It!**



What Needs to Resurrect in Your Life!

