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- **1<sup>st</sup>- the Place**
  - **Bethany = House of Joy**  
**= House of Pain**

**Its an Intriguing Fact of Life...**

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- **He Wants to Perfect You...**
  - ...Not Pamper You**
  - ...And Challenge Your Faith**
- If Jesus Had of Been There...**
  - ...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**

**Whatever He Permits to Enter the Arena of Our Lives...**

**...He Has Purpose Wrapped Up In It**

**The Reason We Don't Always...**

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

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

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- 2 Things – God has a Plan and Timing

*“When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby”*

*“And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him”*

- Delays are Not Denials

*<sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was*

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  - His Timing is Not Our Timing**
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**Jesus Arrives After...**

- Professional Mourners There
- Body Prepared For Burial/ Wrapped It In Grave Clothes
- Body Had Already Begun to Stink

**Seemed Hopeless..**

**...But Jesus Was About to Remove All Doubt!**