

When God Is Late

(John 17:1-4)

- Introduction:
1. Have you ever asked yourself, “Where’s God?”
 2. Have you ever felt that God showed up too late, or didn’t show at all?
 3. If you have, then this lesson may help you to understand why it seemed that God was late.

I. God And Time

- A. Being eternal, God isn’t confined by time.
 1. (2 Peter 3:8).
 2. (Exodus 3:14).
- B. However that is not to say that God is not concerned with time.
 1. (Galatians 4:4).
 2. (John 2:4; 7:6; 7:30; 8:20).
 3. (John 17:4).

II. Examples Of When God Was On Time

- A. (Exodus 14) Crossing the Red Sea.
- B. (Daniel 3) Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.
- C. (Daniel 6) Daniel in the Lion’s Den.

III. Examples Of When God Was Late

- A. (John 11:21,32,42) The death of Lazarus.
- B. (Mark 5:21-43) The death of Jairus’ daughter.
- C. (Hebrews 11:35-37) The deaths of many faithful.
- D. Then there’s your story.

IV. Remember Two Things

- A. God is all knowing.
 1. Trust him (Job 40:2,8)!
- B. Don’t ask the wrong question.
 1. How much does an hour weigh?
 2. What color is a mile?
 3. Rather than asking, “Where’s God?” we should be asking, “What did God say?”
 4. (1 Corinthians 10:31).
 5. (Philippians 1:20).

- Conclusion:
1. Let’s learn to let God be God and trust his sovereign time.
 2. When we do, we’ll see that he’s perfectly on time to accomplish his purposes.