

1  **The Mysterious Ways of God**

John 11.1-15

2  **A Terminal Illness 1-5**

- A family emergency (1-2)
- An urgent notification (3)
- An important distinction (4)
  - some adversities are par for the course
  - some adversities are platforms for God
- A mysterious delay (5-6)
  - Our frustrated expectations
  - His deliberate procrastinations

3  **A Baffling Move 7-15**

- An abrupt departure (7)
  - We like the Lord to deal with our emergencies on our time.
  - He will deal with them in His time and His way.
- A fearful objection (8)
  - We tend to fear man
  - Jesus feared only God
- A teachable moment (9-15)
  - About living smart (9-10)
  - About the benign nature of death for the believer (11-13)
  - About what is truly important (14-15)