

I Am- The Resurrection and the Life

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I. Introduction

A. How does our faith respond when “that” is present?

II. Two days too long

A. *John 11:1-6*

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it he said “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

B. *John 11:7-10*

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” 8 The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. 10 But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.”

C. *John 11:11-15*

After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” 12 The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking a rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly “Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

III. Dead On The Inside

A. Thomas was dead in his doubts

1. *John 11:16- notice how Thomas responds*

So Thomas, called the twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

B. Martha was dead in her discouragement

1. *John 11:17-20*

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off.

19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. 20 So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house.

2. John 11: 21-24

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

C. Mary was dead in her despair

1. John 11:17

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

2. John 11:20

So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, **but Mary remained seated in the house.**

3. John 11:28-32

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." 29 And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. 31 When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

IV. I AM

A. John 11:34, 38-39

And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 38 Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days."

B. John 11:21-26

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection."

1. The resurrection is not an event, it is a person!

2. The resurrection is not what He does, it's who He is!

C. John 11:25

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection... and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he would die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

D. John 11:40

Jesus said to her, "**Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"**

E. *John 11:41-44*

So they took away stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said. "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

V. **Application**

A. *John 11:22*

*"But **even now** I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you."*

B. *John 11:36*

*When Jesus saw her weeping, and Jews who had come with her also weeping, he **was deeply moved** in his spirit and **greatly troubled**. 34 And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see. 35 **Jesus wept**. 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"*

VI. **Conclusion**