

JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

John 11:17-57

Key Verses: 11:25-26

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?’”

1. What was the situation Jesus found when he arrived in Bethany (17-19)? How did Martha’s greeting show both confidence in Jesus and also disappointment (20-22)? What promise did Jesus make, and how did Martha understand it (23-24)?
2. Read verses 25-26. What did Jesus declare about himself? What promise did he give to those who believe? What does it mean to believe in Jesus (1:12; 3:16; 20:31)? What impact does believing that Jesus is the resurrection and the life have on those who believe?
3. How did Martha respond (27-28)? How did Mary interact with Jesus, and what does this reveal about her (29-32)? How did Jesus comfort Mary (33-37)? Why did Jesus weep? What can we learn about Jesus here?
4. Upon reaching the tomb, how did Jesus feel and what did he say (38-39a)? Why did Martha protest, and how did Jesus rebuke her (39b-40)? How can we see the glory of God?
5. What does Jesus’ prayer reveal about the purpose of raising Lazarus (41-42)? How did Jesus raise Lazarus (43-44)? How was this miraculous sign a prelude of Jesus’ own resurrection?
6. What were the consequences of this miraculous sign (45-48)? What does Caiaphas’ prophecy reveal about God’s sovereign rule (49-53)? How did this affect Jesus’ ministry (54-57)? How does this foreshadow Jesus’ upcoming suffering and death?