

I AM THE RESURRECTION

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Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, and they were telling others about it. That was the reason so many went out to meet him—because they had heard about this miraculous sign. John 12:17-18 (NLT)

When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days. Bethany was only a few miles down the road from Jerusalem, and many of the people had come to console Martha and Mary in their loss. When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask." John 11:17-22 (NLT)

Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again." "Yes," Martha said, "he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?" John 11:23-26 (NLT)

When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled. "Where have you put him?" he asked them. They told him, "Lord, come and see." Then Jesus wept. John 11: 32-35 (NLT)

1: When You Trust in Jesus, _____ Still Hurts and He _____ with You.

The people who were standing nearby said, "See how much he loved him!" But some said, "This man healed a blind man. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?" Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. "Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, protested, "Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible." John 11: 36-39 (NLT)

Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!" Many of the people who were with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw this happen. But some went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. John 11: 43-46 (NLT)

2: When You Trust in Jesus, _____ Never Dies and _____ Never Ends.

FURTHER LEARNING //

- *N.T. Wright, “Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church” (Book)*
- *Bryan Stevenson, “We need to talk about an injustice” (TED Talk)*

QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

- *Do you love being in crowds?*
- *Is there anything currently causing you pain in life?*
- *What’s an injustice that makes you angry? What’s a way you can draw near to that?*
- *Is there an area of life where you’ve lost hope? Why?*
- *Have you ever walked through a difficult time where your faith deepened?*
- *Where would you like Jesus to bring life to this week?*