



John 11:17, 21-27 (NRSV)

17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days...

...²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."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 and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,** ²⁶ **and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.** Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."*

The Gospel of John

- John, son of Zebedee.
- Written about 90 CE.
- Different than Matthew, Mark, and Luke.
- John 1-12 commonly referred to as "Book of Signs."
- 7 Signs recorded in John's Gospel.
- John 11 includes greatest sign: raising a dead man.
- John 11-12 wrap up Jesus' earthly ministry and points to his glory.

The Raising of Lazarus

- Only recounted in the Gospel of John.
- Geographic location is Bethany.
- Lazarus, Mary, and Martha are siblings.

John 11:4-6 (NRSV)

⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

John 11:14-15 (NRSV)

¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

John 11:17-32

Martha and Mary _____

- *Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.* V21
- *Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.* V32

Jesus _____

- *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."* Verses 25-26

Martha _____

- *Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.* V27
- I believe = formal confession of faith

Jesus _____

- *When Jesus saw her (Mary) weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, **he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.*** V33
- *Jesus began to **weep.*** V35
- *Then Jesus, **again greatly disturbed,** came to the tomb.* V38
- Greatly disturbed = Jesus was agitated, angry even.
- Weep = Jesus' acknowledgment of the pain death causes in this life.

Jesus foreshadows his _____

- *Jesus said, "**Take away the stone.**"* V39
- *When he said this, he cried with a loud voice, "**Lazarus, come out!**"* V43

Many believed

- *Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.* V45

Lazarus Is You!

- We all must die, to be raised in Christ.
- Like Mary and Martha, we may both lament and trust.
- Jesus may make us wait.
- Jesus grieves with us when we lose a loved one.
- Jesus promises life eternal.