



**“I AM the
Resurrection
and the Life”**

John 11:17-27



The Sickness of Lazarus

- Following His confrontation with the Jews, Jesus travelled to Aenon or Bethabara (John 1:28; 3:23)
- Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany (vs. 1)
- “This sickness is not unto death” (vs. 4)
- “Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him.” (vs. 11)
- “Lazarus is dead.” (vs. 14, 15)

The Disciples' Fixation with Death

- “Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again?” (vs. 8)
- “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get well” (vs. 12)
- “Let us also go, that we may die with Him” (vs. 16)
- They were still unaware of the extent of His power.





Jesus, Mary and Martha

- “Lord, if You had been here, my brother *would not have died.*” (vs. 21, 32)
- “But even now I know that whatever ever you ask of God, God will give you” (vs. 22)!
- **“Your brother will rise again.”** (vs. 23)
- “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” (vs. 24)
- **“I AM the resurrection and the life.”** (vs. 25)

The Grave in Bethany

- The purpose of this miracle was to glorify God and Jesus, His Son (vs. 4).
- To demonstrate the Son has power, even over death.
 - Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again? (vs. 8)
 - “Let us also go, that we may die with Him” (vs. 16)
 - “If you were here my brother would not have died” (vs. 21, 32).
 - “Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?” (vs. 37)
 - “Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days” (vs. 39)
- **“Lazarus, come forth!” (vs. 43)**



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- Death is the consequence of sin (Romans 3:23; 5:12; 6:23)
- Hebrews 2:9-15
 - “But we see Jesus... for the suffering of death... taste death for everyone.” (vs. 9)
 - “It was fitting... to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.” (vs. 10)
 - “He likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him... (vs. 14a)
 - “who had the power of death, that is the devil,... (vs. 14b)
 - “and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.” (vs. 15)
- Sin wrought death, Satan had it’s power, man was subject to bondage, but JESUS is the resurrection and life!
- **READ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**





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