

# BEYOND SUNDAY

Jesus in His Own Words — 2.9.25

## I AM the Resurrection and the Life (Read John 11:1-44)

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- 1. What personal experiences of loss or grief have shaped your understanding of God's presence in suffering? How do you see God's hand in those moments?**

*John 11:1-6 – Jesus intentionally delays His arrival. How does this challenge or affirm your trust in God's timing?*
- 2. Martha and Mary both respond differently to Jesus after Lazarus' death. How do you typically respond to God in times of suffering—like Martha with faith and lament, or like Mary with quiet grief?**

*John 11:21-22 – “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”*
- 3. Jesus wept with those mourning Lazarus. How does knowing that God grieves with us change your perspective on your own pain?**

*John 11:35 – “Jesus wept.”*
- 4. Have you ever struggled with believing that God is still at work when He seems silent or distant? How can we encourage one another in those moments?**

*John 11:6 – “So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.”*

- 5. Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life." What does it mean for you personally to believe in Jesus as the source of life—not just in eternity but in the present?**

*John 11:25-26 – "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?"*

- 6. Martha's statement to Jesus is both faith-filled and questioning. Have you ever found yourself caught between faith and doubt? How did God meet you in that place?**

*Psalm 13:1,5 – "How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? ... But I trust in your unfailing love."*

- 7. Jesus calls Lazarus out of the grave and commands others to unbind him. How can we, as a community, help one another experience the freedom of new life in Christ?**

*John 11:43-44 – "Lazarus, come out! The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen."*

- 8. The resurrection of Lazarus foreshadows Jesus' own resurrection. How does the promise of eternal life shape the way you live daily?**

*John 5:28-29 – "A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out."*

- 9. Jesus didn't just offer sympathy; He acted. How is God calling you to move beyond sympathy into action in the lives of those around you?**

*Luke 6:21b – "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."*

- 10. At the end of the passage, Jesus asks Martha, "Do you believe this?" If Jesus asked you the same question today, how would you respond?**

*John 11:26 – "Do you believe this?"*