

Light and Life: Jesus in the Gospel of John

Today's message: **Dead Man Walking**

John 11:14-15, 17-23 (ESV)

¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "**Lazarus has died**, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you."

²³ Jesus said to her, "**Your brother will rise again.**"

John 11:43-44 (ESV)

⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "**Lazarus, come out.**" ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "**Unbind him, and let him go.**"

5 lessons for us today from Jesus' raising of Lazarus:

1. The most painful struggles of our lives are ...

vs. 1-4

2. Our difficulties do not ...

vs. 5-15

3. Jesus is a compassionate savior who ...

vs. 16-36

4. Sometimes our struggles aren't about us at all. They are about ...

vs. 37-42

5. Ultimately, this story is about ...

John 11:25-27 (ESV)

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. **Do you believe this?"**

²⁷ She said to him, "**Yes, Lord**; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

Conclusion: Do you believe this?

Ephesians 2:1, 4-6, 8 (ESV)

¹ And **you were dead in the trespasses and sins ...**

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, **made us alive** together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and **raised us up** with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus ...

⁸ For **by grace** you have been saved **through faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

2 responses:

For the believer:

For the not-yet-a-believer: