

John 11:1-44

Tuesday Bible Study: Week 16



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1. John tells us that “Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus” (11:5), and yet “when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was” (11:6). Have you ever experienced God’s apparent absence or silence in a moment of urgent need? What did that season teach you?
2. Martha meets Jesus on the road and says, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died” (11:21). Mary says the same thing when she reaches him (11:32). What do you hear in these words—accusation, grief, faith, or something else? Have you ever spoken to God with that same mixture of trust and pain?
3. Jesus declares, “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” (11:25–26). He then asks Martha directly: “Do you believe this?” (11:26). How would you answer that question today? What does this claim mean for how you live your life?
4. Martha responds: “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world” (11:27). Compare her confession with Peter’s in John 6:68–69 and to that of the Man Born Blind in John 9:35–37. What do these moments have in common? What is different about the circumstances in which each

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confession is made?

5. “Jesus began to weep” (11:35) What does his grief tell us about who God is and how God relates to human suffering?
6. Jesus says, “Unbind him, and let him go” (11:44). Is there an area of your life where you have experienced new life from God but still feel bound by old wrappings? What would it look like to be unbound?

7. This is the seventh and final sign in the Book of Signs. Looking back across all seven, water to wine (2:1–11), the official’s son (4:46–54), the healing at Bethesda (5:1–18), the feeding of the five thousand (6:1–14), walking on water (6:16–21), the man born blind (9:1–41), and now the raising of Lazarus, what pattern do you see? How has John been building his case for who Jesus is? What has this journey through the Gospel of John revealed to you about your own faith?