

John 11:17-27, 38-44

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany 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. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus 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?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world"...

³⁸...Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The 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."

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I AM The resurrection & the life John 11:25-26

- death haunts us

THE CLAIM

- the resurrection
 - not just reputation
 - not just spiritual
 - not just resuscitation
 - not just automatic ¹
- the life
 - no second death ²
 - life before death ³

THE EVIDENCE

- definitely dead
 - explicit expressions (v39,44)
 - time in the tomb (v17,44)
 - many mourners (v19,33)
 - nasty niffs (v39)
- definitely raised
 - powerful proclamation (v43)
 - enemy reaction (v47; 12v17)
 - thanksgiving celebration (12v1)
 - tourist attraction (12v9)

¹ John 3:16,36

² Revelation 20:14; 21:8

³ John 5:24