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All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted. In the Chair Bible, John 11:11-29 is located on Page # 82 (NT Section).

In some places, God's Word is underlined with dots with Pastor Joe's commentary in the bracketed, lighter faced text.



A. A Question for The Ages

“If a man dies, will he live again?”

- Job 14:14, NASB95

- Trees sprout again.
- Plants bloom again.
- Rivers rise again.
- But man? When he dies, he lies down.
- Job feels the weight of mortality.



B. The Answer for The Ages

“I am the resurrection and the life...whoever believes in Me shall never die.”

- John 11:25-26, NASB95

I. Martha's Grief

John 11:21–22, NASB95 -²¹ Martha then said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”²² Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.”

2. Jesus' Response

John 11:25–26, NASB95 -²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,”²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die...”

- Jesus does not merely teach the resurrection—He embodies it.
- Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life.”

3. Jesus' Sign

John 11:43–44, NASB95 -⁴³ When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth.”⁴⁴ The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

- This isn't the main event—it's the preview.
- Lazarus rises by Christ's power. Jesus was raised by His own power.
- Lazarus comes out still wrapped in grave clothes. Jesus leaves His folded neatly behind.
- Lazarus will die again. Jesus will never die again.
- Lazarus is a sign. Jesus is the substance of the resurrection.

4. Jesus' Declaration

John 11:4, NASB95 -⁴ But when Jesus heard *this*, He said, “This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it.”

- Sin is paid.
- Death is defeated.
- Hope is alive.
- Eternity is open.
- Eternal life wins.



C. The Question for Today

“...Do you believe this?” - John 11:26, NASB95

- Jesus does not say, “Do you understand it, agree with it, or do you admire it?”
- He asks, “Will you trust me with your life and your death?”