

**TEXT: John 11**

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**Big Idea: Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life**

**Icebreaker: What's one of the most exciting moments in your life?**

### **John 11:1-6**

Mary and Martha were sad because their brother, Lazarus, was sick and dying. They sent a messenger to their friend Jesus because they knew He could save him, but Jesus had other plans.

- When have you been in pain and loss and felt like God wasn't listening to you?
  
- When have you seen God bring purpose to the pain in your life?

### **Exodus 11:17-27**

Jesus meets Mary and Martha in their pain and comforts them with theology and empathy. He's not harsh towards them because of their lack of faith and He doesn't bypass the truth to be able to empathize with them.

- How have you overly emphasized theology or empathy in your life or in caring for others in their pain?

### **John 11:32-37**

*"Suffering can only be little more than a logical riddle for those who encounter it from a safe distance. When it is experienced directly and immediately, firsthand, it is like an emotional battering ram, crashing into the gates of the castle of faith." - Alister McGrath*

Jesus was snarling, crying, and shaking from being overwhelmed with the brokenness of the world that results in death and the effect it's having on his friends.

- What does it mean to us that our God knows our pain and is in our despair with us?

## **John 11:38-44**

*“While graveyards remind one about the brevity of life, the resurrection ensures the brevity of death.”*

**- David Garland**

We now get to see what Jesus was talking about when He said earlier, “This sickness will not end in death but is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Jesus did this to reveal who He was, not simply to bring good to his friend's present temporal circumstances, but to point people to the one who will save them and give them eternal life.

- How have you seen God reveal Himself through the circumstances of your life?