



**Title: Raised To Life: Miracle Working God Part 2**

**Scripture: John 11:17-37**

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**Bible Version: NKJV**

**BOTTOM LINE: Even in difficult times, the Lord still loves us unconditionally.**

**Vs. 17**

**When Jesus came-** Last week we saw that Jesus received the news about Lazarus. He delayed two days then went.

**In the tomb four days-** Lazarus was not sleeping. He was deceased and been so for over four days.

**Vs. 18-19**

**And many-** It was customary for people to come and support the family during times like this.

**Vs. 20**

**Went and met Him-** Despite the current difficulties, Martha went to be with the Lord.

**Vs. 21**

**Lord, if You had been here-** Martha states what perhaps many of us may have been thinking.

**Vs. 22**

**Whatever You ask of God-** This is a powerful reminder of how we can go to Jesus.

**Despite the difficult circumstance she found herself in, she had faith in Jesus and the Father's will.**

**Vs. 23-24**

**Your brother will rise again-** Jesus declares that Lazarus will rise again.  
**I now that he will rise again-** Martha was thinking he would rise again someday.

**Vs. 25**

**I am the resurrection and the life-** Jesus says He IS the resurrection and THE life.

**He who believes-** It is truly as simple as believing in Jesus.

**Vs. 26**

**Whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die-** Jesus declares that He is the source of eternal life.

**Only God could make such a claim.**

**lives-** “To enjoy real life”.

**You can believe in Christ but not live in Christ. When you do, you miss out on the enjoyment of life.**

**Jesus is the source of eternal life and joy.**

**Do you believe this?-** Jesus presents Martha with a question.

**Vs. 27**

**I believe-** These two words change everything.

**“I believe” is the foothold of Christianity.**

**Martha knew He Was:**

1. The Christ.
2. The Son of God.
3. The Messiah.

**Vs. 28**

**The Teacher-** Culturally, Rabbis would not instruct women.

**Vs. 29**

**She arose quickly and came to Him-** Notice that when Mary heard that Jesus was coming she got up quickly.

**Vs. 30-32**

**She fell down at His feet-** Even in this difficult time, Mary still recognized Jesus as God and showed Him honor and respect.

**If You had been here...-** We don't know if this is a reference to faith or the tardiness of Jesus.

**Vs. 33**

**He groaned-** Seeing Mary weeping moved Jesus.

***God sees the tears of the grief stricken and is moved with compassion. -Guzik***

**God is aware of your difficulty, He sees every tear you shed. Don't stop trusting His will, His way, and His timing.**

**Vs. 34-35**

**Jesus wept-** Jesus was grief stricken but not out of control.

**Vs. 36**

**See how He loved him-** These words surely paint an incredible picture of the cross that was to come.

**Vs. 37**

**Could not this Man...-** Perhaps this was genuine, but it appears to be said in a mocking way.

**Difficult times test our faith. We have to always remember that God loves us unconditionally. His way is the best way.**

**In difficult circumstances it's easy to pin God down to a potential answer or way.**

**The best way we can live our life is to believe and live in Christ Jesus.**



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**DO.**



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on [blueletterbible.com](http://blueletterbible.com) or with their app.



**DISCUSS.**

1. Take note of when Mary and Martha said to Jesus, "Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died". Discuss your opinion on what they may have been feeling at this point. Was it a statement of faith of frustration?
2. Has there ever been a time in your life when you were frustrated with a situation where the Lord was working but not in the way you wanted or expected?
3. Now that we have talked about Mary and Martha, how do you think Jesus felt when He heard these statements?

**DO.**



1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?