

Week 4: Believe

Main Idea: We do not have to stay dead in our lives, we can be resurrected when we believe in Jesus. When I believe in Jesus, He resurrects me.

Bible Verses to Read:

John 11:25-26 *Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"*

John 11:37-44 *"But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ... Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."*

- Have you ever had doubts about God, Jesus, or Christianity? Do you have any questions right now?
- Read **John 11:25-26**. Jesus says "*I am the resurrection and the life*". What do you think this statement means? What kind of life do you believe Jesus offers to those who believe in Him?
- Read **John 11:37-44**. Even though Jesus had already told Martha all about His resurrection power, when Lazarus died, they seemed to forget all about what Jesus had told them. Do you ever find it hard to remember God's Word in times of deep pain? Why do you think that is?
- In **John 11:42** Jesus said "*I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.*" By raising Lazarus, Jesus gave everyone watching with doubts a chance to witness His resurrection power. What events can you hold onto as reminders of God's work in your life, to strengthen your belief in Him?

FINAL THOUGHT: What can you do this week to remind yourself of Jesus' resurrection power to help you to remember to believe when believing gets hard?