



LAZARUS
John 11:1-44

I am the resurrection
and the life. The one who
believes in me will LIVE
even though they die

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Open

- What is the most difficult funeral you have attended?
- Who was it and what were the circumstances of their death?
- Was it unexpected?



Dig

- Why do you think Jesus delayed two days when begged by Martha to come and heal Lazarus who was sick?
- Have you experienced God's delay in your life or family?
- Why do you think Jesus told Lazarus' friend that he was sleeping when it had been four days, and everyone knew he was dead?
- Of the five Stages of Grief, where was Martha when Jesus finally showed up in Bethany where she lived? Why?
 - a. Denial/Isolation – He's not really dead. This cannot be real!
 - b. Anger – Lazarus is dead and Jesus, you let this happen!
 - c. Bargaining – Is there anything I should have done differently to get you to act?
 - d. Depression – I don't want to talk about it.
 - e. Acceptance – He's dead and there's nothing we can do about it.
- Why did Jesus ask to be taken to where Lazarus was buried?
- If you would have been there and seen Jesus crying, how do you think you would have felt? How do you deal with the tears of people in these situations and others? What is empathy?

Reflect

- When was the last time you thought Jesus was slow in responding to you? Is there a current situation you are waiting on now?
- What does this story teach us about faith?
- What does this story teach us about living as people of faith through hard times...like we are facing today?
- In this story there are subtle glimpses of the attitudes of both Martha and Mary. Jesus sees this and responds. How does our attitude impact our faith, and our responses to Jesus?

Prayer Requests

- Individuals/families directly affected by COVID-19
 - Medical professionals standing in harm's way
 - Wisdom for our scientific community, vaccines, timely/affordable
 - Those who are scared / anxious
 - Unemployment, God's provision
 - Wisdom and discernment for Government leaders
 - The Church local and global to carry the message of hope through neighboring well
 - Parents and children in your group for patience and peace
- Fasting = join Pastor Dave in fasting lunch for prayer for COVID-19 crisis