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I am the resurrection and the life... **John 11:25 (ESB)**

Mary and Martha were devastated. Their beloved brother, Lazarus, had died. There is no mention of husbands or wives in this story—just three siblings living together. In that day, a woman had little future without a husband, father, or brother. And then, Lazarus was dead and their Friend, Who could have healed him, did not come in time.

There must have been some confusion and hurt on the part of Mary and Martha. Did Jesus not care enough to show up in time? Maybe He could not do everything they thought He could do? *And what about our future?* they must have thought. Then Jesus showed up, too late to change the situation. Lazarus had been dead for three days.

Jesus asked Mary and Martha if they trusted Him. Did they trust Him when all seemed lost, when hope was gone? Did they trust Him even when they did not understand? The sisters had to decide. Trust in Jesus or not?

Perhaps this has been a difficult season for you. Maybe COVID-19 hit your church harder than others. Maybe it has been a difficult season in your life personally, or with your family. As you look at your situation, you wonder if you have missed what God is doing in your life. Do you feel He has shown up too late, that maybe He forgot about you, or other people and ministries were more important than yours?

Our walk with Christ is always a walk of faith. Mary and Martha's questions are often our questions. Be encouraged. Jesus did not forget Mary and Martha, and He has not forgotten you. Jesus specializes in resurrections. In fact, He is the only one who can bring about a resurrection. It is OK to question. Jesus can handle our questions, but just like Martha, even when we do not understand, He asks us: "Do you trust me?" Do you need to say to the Lord today: *"Yes Lord, ... I believe you are the Messiah, the Son of God who comes into the world."* (John 11:27) "I trust You."