



*own gracious will*, to send Jesus to the earth where he would deal with death once and for all. How?

By dying *himself*, lying in a tomb *himself*, and on the third day – coming out of his tomb. It is that resurrection which made Jesus' promise to Martha become a reality for all of us who will be raised after Lazarus. It is his own resurrection which showed all of us that Jesus is really The Resurrection and The Life.

The story of Lazarus is a testament to the glory of God, the love of Jesus, and the ultimate end for *all* who believe Jesus. Because of the person and finished work of Jesus, none who believe will be abandoned to death, but will live.

So then, it is the same question that Jesus asked Martha: Do you believe this?

**Reflection Questions:**

**1. What does this teach me about God?**

**2. What does this teach me about me?**

**3. How do I apply this to my life?**