

THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

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I. SEVEN TRUTHS ABOUT GRIEF

1. *We all grieve.*

John 11:14 So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead,

- **Grief changes you.**

2. *We grieve what we have lost.*

John 11:17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

Psalms 137:1 By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.

3. *We grieve what might have been.*

John 11:21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

John 11:32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

4. *It is important to grieve.*

John 11:18-19 Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.

5. *We grieve differently.*

John 11:20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

6. *Grieving is met by some with compassion.*

John 11:36 Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

7. *Grieving is met by some with criticism.*

John 11:37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

II. I'M GRIEVING. WHAT DO I DO?

1. *Accept that this is part of your story.*

2. *Grieve*

3. *Don't grieve alone*

4. *Be patient in your grief.*

- **God will not waste your grief.**

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

5. *Call for Jesus*

III. FOUR TRUTHS ABOUT JESUS

1. *Jesus is Present in Your Grief.*

John 11:34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied.

John 11:38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.

2. *Jesus is Working Even When Life Stinks.*

John 11:39-40 "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

- **You can grieve and believe at the same time.**

3. *Jesus is moved by your grief.*

John 11:33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

John 11:35 Jesus wept.

Psalms 56:8 (NLT) You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.

4. Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life.

John 11:41-45 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." Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

John 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, "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 20:30-31 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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- **Jesus Is The Resurrection and The Life!**