



# Discussion Questions 1/29/23

## I Am The Resurrection and The Life

### Family Check-up:

What is God teaching you in your quiet time?

Who have you had the privilege of reaching out to this week?

**Intro:** Have you ever wondered why Jesus let his friend die? Lazarus was one of Jesus' friends and when someone came to request Jesus because Lazarus was sick Jesus idled and did not arrive in the city until Lazarus had already been dead for four days. Jesus needed those around him to understand that he is the resurrection. He is life. There is no resurrection or life outside of Jesus. Even if his timing seems strange, you can always trust Jesus.

**Read:** Read John 11:1-44

1. This week's message forced us to think about what theologians call theodicy. This is how we reconcile a good God with the reality of pain and death. How have you attempted to make this reconciliation and how did this story of Lazarus help you with that reconciliation?
2. When have you questioned God's timing and what came of that?
3. Pastor Ricky told us that God's delay is often for his display. How can moments of pain, discomfort, and hurt be used to impact those around you?
4. Read Job 19:1-27. What in particular do you notice about verse 26? What can Job teach you about how resurrection theology can shape our day-to-day suffering?
5. Read John 11:35. One of the most beautiful things about Jesus that separates him from every other God is that he is the one who sits with us in the suffering. Take time to share as a group times that you have seen and felt Jesus in the suffering.

**Pray:** Spend your time in praying praising Jesus for sitting with us in the suffering. Thank him for being the great empathizer.