



**Resurrected
(Series Part 2)**

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Big Question: Do You Believe You Can Be Resurrected?

Side Question: What or who has died in your life?

Statement: This is a story about a good man named Lazarus that suddenly died.

Text: John 11:1–16 (NIV):

- Now a man named **Lazarus was sick**. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair. 3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.”
- 4 When he heard this, Jesus said, “**This sickness will not end in death**. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.”
- 5 Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, **he stayed where he was two more days**.
- 7 Then he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.” 8 “But Rabbi,” they said, “a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?” 9 Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? **A man who walks by day will not stumble, for he sees by this world’s light. 10 It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has no light.**”
- 11 After he had said this, he went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.”
- 12 His disciples replied, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.” 13 Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.
- 14 So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, 15 and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”
- 16 Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

I. Four Lessons from the Resurrection of Lazarus

1. Good Men Die Without Explanation (v1-5)
2. Jesus Sometimes Delays (sometimes intentionally, v6)
3. Jesus Does Not Regret Delaying (v11-16)
4. Jesus Ignores Our Doubts Sometimes to Advance Us (v16)

II. Three Fair Conclusions from the Death of Lazarus

1. It Would Be Fair to Conclude That Lazarus Was Dead. (V17-21)

- 17 On his arrival, Jesus found that **Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.** 18 Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, 19 and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

2. It Would Be Fair to Conclude That Martha Would See Lazarus in the Resurrection (v21-22)

- 21 “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, **“if you had been here, my brother would not have died.** 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” 23 Jesus said to her, **“Your brother will rise again.”** 24 Martha answered, **“I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”**

3. It Would Be Fair to Conclude That a Resurrection Was Impossible (Let me summarize, v25-44)

- 25 Jesus said to her, **“I am the resurrection and the life.** The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” 35 Jesus wept. 36 Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” 37 **But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”**
- 38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 39 **“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.”**
- 40 Then Jesus said, **“Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”** 41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, **“Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 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.”** 43 **When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”**
- 44 **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.”**

Conclusion: Do you believe your life and circumstance can be resurrected?

Next Time: How do You Manage Scary Moments

Read Ahead: John 6:16-24