



I AM the Resurrection and the Life

John 11



## “I AM” Metaphors in John’s Gospel

- Reveal unique characteristics of Jesus
- Proclaim His deity
  - Jn. 14 – I am the Way, Truth, & Life
  - Jn. 6 – I am the Bread of Life
  - Jn. 8 – I am the Light of the World
  - Jn. 10 – I am the Sheep Gate & Good Shepherd





## I am the Resurrection

- Lazarus is sick; family notifies Jesus.
- Jesus intentionally delays.
  - For God's glory
  - Regardless of reception
- Lazarus buried 4 days when Jesus arrives.
- “Lord, if you had been here...”



## I am the Resurrection

- Martha & Mary believed Jesus could heal.
- Martha believed in the resurrection.
- Martha confessed her belief in Jesus.
- But it seems no one expected Jesus to raise the dead.



## I Am the Resurrection and the Life

- “He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.”
- **Believers view earthly life as preparation for eternity.**
- “Whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.”
- **If we live in fellowship with God, physical death can’t separate us from God.**



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- Jesus had previously healed the sick, blind, and lame.
- Jesus had already raised two people who had just died, Lk. 7:11-15; 8:49-56.
- Here, He resurrects Lazarus who had been dead at least 4 days. No contact and not even in the same room.
- **By raising himself later, He proves His deity.**



# I Am the Resurrection and the Life

- Jesus gives spiritual life or fellowship with God to all who come to Him in trusting obedience.
- Some in Jn. 11 believed; others did not.
- We have the same choice today.

