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John 11:17-37

In John 11, Jesus was summoned to the village of Bethany. His friend Lazarus was gravely ill. Jesus delayed His return and, in the meantime, Lazarus died and was buried in a tomb. When Jesus arrived, He was met by Martha, one of Lazarus' sisters. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask" (vv. 21-22). Jesus responded, "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?" "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world" (vv. 25-27).

This is the faith that will see the power of the grave shattered. Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life. Lazarus was restored to his grieving sisters. Even more importantly, through Christ's power, all who believe in Him have life now and forever.

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