

*“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?’” John 11:25-26 ESV*

**Catastrophe and Consolation—Lazarus, Martha, Mary, and Jesus—John 11:1-44**

- I. **The Mystery and Certainty of Jesus’ Purpose—John 11:1-16**
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**Questions for Discussion**

1. What do you learn about Jesus and the family of Lazarus, Martha, and Mary from verses 3 and 5? Why does that make verse 6 mysterious? How is this like experiences Christians have now when catastrophic events happen in our lives? What must we remember?
2. What did Jesus say about the outcome and the purpose of Lazarus illness? (Verse 4) How is this a general principle for our lives?
3. Why were the disciples concerned about going to Bethany? Why were they confused about what Jesus did (why He stayed, and why He went)?
4. What are your thoughts about Martha’s words to Jesus? (Verses 21, 22, 24) How would you describe her faith?
5. How would you express in your own words what Jesus revealed to Martha in verses 25 and 26? How is this the answer to all His people’s hardships and disasters?
6. What is your response to Jesus’ reaction to Mary and the scene at Lazarus’ tomb?
7. What is the significance of Jesus’ raising of Lazarus? What does this say about His power to change and renew our lives—habits, speech, attitudes, now?
8. How have you been helped, challenged, inspired by the series about Jesus’ redemption of our speech?

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