



The Resurrection and the Life
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Sermon Discussion Guide

History is full of crises. Generation after generation has experienced the trials of suffering and despair, and we are not exempt. In John 11, we encounter a situation that deals specifically with the crisis of sickness and death involving good friends of Jesus - Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Through his ministry to his friends and the truth claims surrounding the raising of Lazarus from the dead, we discover how Jesus responds to the crisis of sickness and death in our lives. First, in verses 1-17, he responds by raising our perspective from our earthly expectations to his heavenly motivations. Second, in verses 18-37, he responds by raising our understanding of who is - fully God (the Resurrection and the Life) and fully human (he wept for their grief). Finally, in verses 38-44, he raises our hope by proving his Lordship over death. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, and ultimately He conquered death once and for all by his resurrection from the grave.

HIGHLIGHT

- **Read the Text - John 11:1-44**
- **Look for Highlights** - As the text is read, tell the group to be looking out for the highlights (a particular verse, something new learned, a reminder, a question, etc.)

EXPLAIN

- To whom was it originally written? Why?
- How does it fit with the verses before and after it?
- What is the Holy Spirit intending to communicate through this text?

APPLY

- What does this mean today?
- What is God saying to you personally?
- How can you apply this message to your life?

RESPOND

- In what ways does this passage call you to action?
- How will you be different because of what you've learned?
- What is a prayer to God in response to what you read today?