

John: The Resurrection of Lazarus

[John 11:1–53](#)

At Lazarus' tomb, Jesus joins our lament—identifying with our grief and anger at the brokenness of the world. However, he embodies the truth that death is fleeting and life is eternal. Jesus came into this world and lived under its brokenness in order to provide us a way out through faith in his life, death, and resurrection.

Application

1. Consider the idea that God gives us things—both good and difficult—that are not for us or about us. Why is it challenging for us to view our suffering through this lens? How have you seen this truth play out in your life?
2. The Bible is clear that you cannot live the Christian life apart from obeying Jesus. Have you ever obeyed Jesus when you didn't fully understand a situation? How did that grow your faith? Are there areas in your life where you know God is calling you to obey right now?

Key Points

- When the disciples follow Jesus into danger, they believe they are walking towards death. However, Jesus is clear that death is fleeting and life is eternal.
- Obedience in the face of real loss and risk is how we build our faith—how we stumble into glory.
- Genuine faith needs the help of corrective lenses to see beyond the immediate.
- When Martha confesses her faith, Jesus reveals a powerful truth—resurrection is not an event; resurrection is a person.
- Jesus is either our greatest hope or our greatest threat. We all must either accept or reject him as king.
- The enemies of Jesus cannot help but ultimately and even unwittingly accomplish his purposes.

Other Scripture References

[John 9](#)
[Acts 2:23](#)