

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

John 11:17-27 / What's in a Name? Part 6 of 8

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The Gospels record at least three that Jesus himself raised:

- Jairus' daughter,
- the widow's son,
- and Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha.

1. Jesus Breaks _____ Norms.

- Hebrew belief was the soul remained with the body three days after someone died.
- As a church, this is a great example of true community and relationship. We don't desert each other when times get messy but rather come alongside, helping, nurturing, and supporting our brothers and sisters through their grief.

2. Jesus Meets People in Their _____ Hour.

- Two different emotional reactions from the sisters.
- One thing this interaction shows is it is not wrong for us to pour our hearts to God.

3. Jesus is Teaching Something _____.

- Do you believe this?

4. The Real Meaning of _____.

- Eternal life does not start when you go to heaven. It begins the moment you reach out to Jesus.

APPLICATION POINT - Today, walk out of that tomb. Trust that Jesus came to give life and life more abundant. He wants to renew your life. Our participating through His death and resurrection happens now when you say yes to God's invitation to NEW LIFE. What is at least one area in your life that needs NEW LIFE?

GROWTH QUESTIONS:

1. What does Jesus mean when He says, "I am the resurrection and the life"? (v. 25)
2. Why do you think Martha still had faith in Jesus even after Lazarus had died?
3. How does this passage challenge our understanding of life, death, and faith?
4. What does Martha's confession in verse 27 teach us about belief in Jesus?
5. Have you ever experienced a time when you felt like God was "too late" to help? How did you respond?
6. How can this passage encourage us in times of grief or loss?