

HOW JESUS BRINGS HOPE IN TIMES OF DESPAIR

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Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "**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?" John 11:23-25

THE BIG IDEA: For Jesus, "R.I.P." doesn't mean REST IN PEACE but RISEN IN POWER

JOHN 11:1-3 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "**Lord, the one you love is sick.**"

LIFE LESSON: We have a tendency to interpret the love of God through our circumstances, rather than interpreting our circumstances through the love of God.

JOHN 11:4 When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."

LISTEN

When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died." JOHN 11:20-21

When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died." JOHN 11:32

LAMENT

Jesus wept. JOHN 11:35

LEARN

Where is he buried?" he asked them. They told him, "Come and see." JOHN 11:34

LIFT

Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me."

JOHN 11:41-42

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THE BIG QUESTION? "Do you believe this?" John 11:26b