

Discussion Guide: May 3rd, 2026

Message Series: **NEVER ENOUGH: Why nothing seems to satisfy.**

Message: **"I Am The Resurrection And The Life"**

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Take Home Truth: If you have a relationship with Jesus, there is no such thing as hopelessness.

Focus Passages:

John 11:4-6 But when Jesus heard about it he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this." So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, he stayed where he was for the next 2 days.

John 11:11 & 15 Then he said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up"... And for your sake, I'm glad I wasn't there, for now you will really believe. Come, let's go see him."

John 11:20-27 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. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again." "Yes," Martha said, "he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. ²⁶ Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?" "Yes, Lord," she told him. "I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God."

John 11:32-34 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." When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled. "Where have you put him?" he asked them. They told him, "Lord, come and see." Then Jesus wept.

John 11:38-44 Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. "Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, protested, "Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible." Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?" So they rolled the stone aside. 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." Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"

Message Highlights:

Jesus Brings Hope To Our Dead And Lifeless Situations

Hope is restored in His timing.

Our pain is seen by Jesus.

Power is revealed in your impossible situations.

Expect Jesus' power in your life.

Discussions Questions:

1. Hope is restored in His timing. **Read John 11:4-6, 11&15.** Mary and Martha asked Jesus to do a miracle for their brother Lazarus, but Jesus waited until he was dead and in the tomb for 4 days. What are some times in your life that left you feeling helpless and hopeless? What are some times you prayed and asked God to help give hope to some of your "life and death" situations, BUT He didn't show up? How does it make you feel when you pray for a miracle, but God stays silent and does nothing?
2. Our pain is seen by Jesus. **Read John 11:20-27 & John 11:32-34.** When Jesus arrived, both Mary and Martha said "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died." What are YOUR "Lord, if only you had been here" moments? What are your moments that Jesus didn't meet you in your grieving and hopelessness? How does it make you feel to know that Jesus got angry, frustrated and wept with them in their grief? How does that give hope to your situation?

3. *Power is revealed in our impossible situations. Read John 11:38-44.* Put yourself in the moment at the tomb as Lazarus walks out and hope is restored. What emotions do you think Mary and Martha were feeling? What do you think Lazarus was thinking? What do you think this miracle did for the faith of those following Jesus? What hope does Jesus' resurrection power give you for your hopeless situations?
4. *Expect Jesus' power in your life.* When Jesus says "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die." What hope does this give you as a follower of Jesus? If you are not a follower of Jesus yet, what is keeping you from following Jesus as the Resurrection and life? What are some ways you can live with the hope of Jesus' resurrection power in your life today?

Time Of Prayer

Dear Jesus, we thank you that we are never hopeless when we are walking with you. Thank you that you meet us, in your timing, in our hopeless situations. Help us to live each day with the assurance of your resurrection power. And we thank you that we have the hope of heaven because You are the resurrection and the life! Amen.