

John 11:17-27, 38-44

17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 18 Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, 19 and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. 21 “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” 23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” 24 Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” 27 “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 39 “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” 40 Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” 41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” 43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

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I AM the resurrection & the life John 11:25-26

- death haunts us

THE CLAIM

- the resurrection
 - not just reputation
 - not just spiritual
 - not just resuscitation
 - not just automatic¹
- the life
 - no second death²
 - life before death³

THE EVIDENCE

- definitely dead
 - explicit expressions (vv. 39, 44)
 - time in the tomb (vv. 17, 44)
 - many mourners (vv. 19, 33)
 - offensive smell (v. 39)
- definitely raised
 - powerful proclamation (v. 43)
 - enemy reaction (v. 47-48a; 12:17)
 - thanksgiving celebration (12:1-2)
 - tourist attraction (12:9-11)

¹ John 3:16, 36

² Revelation 20:14; 21:8

³ John 5:24