

# Core Study #9

## Jesus: The Resurrection And The Life

**Passage:** John 11:1-44

### Introductory Questions (selection to choose from):

- Have you ever been disappointed with a delay to an answer to your prayers or an unanswered prayer? How did that make you feel?
- If God is Divine in nature can He identify with human sufferings? Can God understand our feelings? Explain why you think this way.

### Discussion Questions (selection to choose from):

Read John 11:1-7

- What is the typical response of a person who has just received news that the friend he loves is dying?
- Was Jesus' response to the news about Lazarus dying a typical one? Explain.
- Why didn't Jesus leave immediately to see his dying friend? (c.f., Jn 11:4) <sup>1</sup>

Read John 11:11–27, 32–37

- What do you think Martha and Mary were feeling when they saw Jesus?
- Why did Jesus weep? Keep in mind that he knew he was going to raise Lazarus from the dead.
- What does Jesus action (weeping) tell you about him?
- How do you think Martha and Mary would have felt when they saw Jesus weeping?

Read John 11:38–45

- Do you think Martha had faith that Jesus was able to raise her brother? Why or why not?
- Why did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead?
  1. \_\_\_\_\_ (cf., Jn 11:4, 14, 15, 45)
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ (cf., Jn 11:25)

### Application Questions (selection to choose from):

- How would you feel if you knew that Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, was with you in your difficult situation?
- If you knew that Jesus completely understands how you feel and loves you unconditionally, and would help you in spite of your faith, would that change how you approach him? Explain.
- Is there something you are going through right now which you have not experienced a breakthrough, and you are wondering if God has heard your prayers?

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<sup>1</sup> Sometimes a delay is for a reason we don't know until later.