

Jesus Is...

The Resurrection & the Life

Read the following verses: John 11:1-45

Examining the Text:

1. In John 11:4, Jesus said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God..." As Jesus spoke this, how would the original hearers have understood it? How would those who originally read it have understood it?
2. In John 11:11, Jesus said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." What are the two ways this was understood by the disciples and by Jesus? Read 1 Kings 2:10 for further evidence of the sleep/death analogy.
3. Why did Jesus weep? See John 11:35, 3 & 5.

Digging Deeper:

1. In John 11:24, Martha said, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." How does this reflect the belief that most Jews would have held of a resurrection event (Dan. 12:2-3)? Did Jesus subscribe to this view (John 6:40, 54; 5:28-29)? Did He modify it? Contradict it?
2. How do we reconcile Jesus' statement "I am the resurrection and the Life" with the idea of resurrection being an event on the last day?

The Heart of the Matter:

1. Since Jesus is the resurrection and the life, we can experience resurrection and eternal life today. How have you experienced Jesus calling you out of your dead situation/circumstance?
2. What areas of your life would you like to experience more resurrection life?