

**Profile: I AM The Resurrection And The Life  
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**Key Verse of the Day**

*"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying." John 11:25  
NLT*

**Key Thought of the Day**

In Jesus we have **LIFE**, both now and forever.

**Observations From The Story of Lazarus**

*A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha. This is the Mary who later poured the expensive perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair. Her brother, Lazarus, was sick. So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick." John 11:1-3 NLT*

**Observation #1**

Jesus had a **DEEP FRIENDSHIP** with Lazarus.

*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 two days. John 11:4-6 NLT*

**Observation #2**

God had a plan to use Lazarus' sickness to bring **GLORY** to Himself.

**Grab This!**

There was a **PURPOSE** behind Lazarus' illness.

*So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, he stayed where he was for the next two days.*

In the middle of the storm... even though those involved didn't recognize it... **GOD HAD A PLAN!**

*Finally, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea." But his disciples objected. "Rabbi," they said, "only a few days ago the people in Judea were trying to stone you. Are you going there again?"*

*Jesus replied, "There are twelve hours of daylight every day. During the day people can walk safely. They can see because they have the light of this world. But at night there is danger of stumbling because they have no light."*

*Then he said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up." The disciples said, "Lord, if he is sleeping, he will soon get better!" They thought Jesus meant Lazarus was simply sleeping, but Jesus meant Lazarus had died. John 11:7-13 NLT*

**Observation #3**

Jesus **INTENTIONALLY** waited for Lazarus to die.

*"There are twelve hours of daylight every day. During the day people can walk safely. They can see because they have the light of this world. But at night there is danger of stumbling because they have no light."*

So he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. And for your sakes, I'm glad I wasn't there, for now you will really believe. Come, let's go see him." John 11:14-15 NLT

#### **Observation #4**

Jesus was going to strengthen his followers **FAITH**.

Thomas, nicknamed the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let's go, too—and die with Jesus." John 11:16 NLT

#### **Observation #5**

Sometimes Jesus will ask us **TO DIE**.

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24 NIV

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Romans 6:6-8 NIV

When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days. Bethany was only a few miles down the road from Jerusalem, and many of the people had come to console Martha and Mary in their loss.

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. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. John 11:17-26 NLT

#### **Observation #6**

Jesus offers life **NOW AND FOREVER** in Him.

- I AM the **RESURRECTION**.

Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. John 11:25 NLT

I AM capable of resurrecting a **SOUL** that has died because of sin and **RESTORING** it to life, even after **PHYSICAL DEATH**.

- I AM the **LIFE**.

Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. John 11:26 NLT

"Anyone who believes in me will live, **even after dying**."

Everyone who lives in me and believes in me **will never ever die**.

Jesus is talking about us **LIVING IN HIM**.

You claim all that Jesus is, all that he said, all that he did and all that he promised — and then you **LIVE LIKE IT!**

#### **Observation #7**

Jesus extends the same opportunity he gave to Lazarus to **YOU AND ME**.

*Jesus told her, "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. Do you believe this, Martha?" John 11:25-26 NLT*

**Observation #1**

Jesus had a DEEP FRIENDSHIP with Lazarus and he desires to have one with **YOU TOO**.

*You are my friends if you do what I command. John 15:14 NLT*

**Observation #2**

God had a plan to use Lazarus' sickness to bring GLORY to Himself and so there is a **PURPOSE** behind any trial you face in life.

**Observation #3**

Jesus INTENTIONALLY waited for Lazarus to die, so sometimes when we seek God He will ask us to **WAIT** on His timing.

**Observation #4**

Jesus was going to strengthen his followers FAITH, and he wants to do the **SAME FOR YOU** in whatever circumstance you face in life.

**Observation #5**

Sometimes Jesus will ask us TO DIE to our own selfish desires, so that we can **THRIVE** in the new life that he brings to us.

**Observation #6**

Jesus offers life NOW AND FOREVER in Him when we place our **FAITH** in Him.

**Observation #7**

Jesus extends the same opportunity he gave to Lazarus to YOU AND ME, and would ask of us... Do you **BELIEVE** this?

*"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. John 11:25-26 NLT*

**The Challenge**

Do you believe this and if you do... are you living like it?