

Following the Real Jesus:
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John 11:21-44; 1 Corinthians 15:54-57
Matthew 26:26-29

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Jesus is on a mission: He has chosen to be here.

²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.
John 11:21

²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask."

²³ Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ "Yes," Martha said, "he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day." John 11:22-24

²⁵ 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?" John 11:25-26

²⁷ "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 11:27

²⁸ Then she returned to Mary. She called Mary aside from the mourners and told her, "The Teacher is here and wants to see you." ²⁹ So Mary immediately went to him. John 11:28-29

³⁰ Jesus had stayed outside the village, at the place where Martha met him. ³¹ When the people who were at the house consoling Mary saw her leave so hastily, they assumed she was going to Lazarus's grave to weep. So they followed her there. John 11:30-31

³² 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." John 11:32

³³ 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. John 11:33

³⁴ "Where have you put him?" he asked them. They told him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Then Jesus wept. John 11:34-35

³⁶ The people who were standing nearby said, "See how much he loved him!" ³⁷ But some said, "This man healed a blind man. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?" John 11:36-37

³⁸ Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. John 11:38

³⁹ “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.” ⁴⁰ Jesus responded, “Didn’t I tell you that you would see God’s glory if you believe?” John 11:39-40

⁴¹ So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. John 11:41

⁴² 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.” John 11:42

⁴³ Then Jesus shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in grave clothes, his face wrapped in a head cloth. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him go!” John 11:43-44

Two sisters with the same faith and the same question: “Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

Martha gets truth and a question: “I am the resurrection and the life.” “Do you believe this?”

Mary gets tears. “Jesus wept” Weeps with her. Wailing out loud.

The greatness of Jesus is seen in his grief, because he had a choice. He knows he is going to raise Lazarus, but still enters the mourning.

We have a God and Savior who gives us both. The world needs people who can give both. To see the Savior who can do both.

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To feel strongly, to snort with anger; to be moved with anger, to admonish sternly.

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⁵⁴ Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: “Death is swallowed up in victory. 1 Corinthians 15:54

⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. ⁵⁷ But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

Jesus humiliates death when he calls Lazarus out of the tomb. He also knows that to defeat death He must submit to death.

He approaches death angry. He directs his anger at death.
"Like a champion approaching his opponent." - Timothy Keller

Jesus brings healing to our thinking and our feeling.

²⁶ During the meal, Jesus took and blessed the bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples: Take, eat. This is my body. Matthew 26:26

⁷ Taking the cup and thanking God, he gave it to them: Drink this, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood, God's new covenant poured out for many people for the forgiveness of sins. Matthew 26:27-28

²⁹ "I'll not be drinking wine from this cup again until that new day when I'll drink with you in the kingdom of my Father." Matthew 26:29