



**Resurrection Hope!**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> in the “Life in his Name” Series**  
John 11:1-57, p. 897-898  
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**Introduction**

In this passage Jesus demonstrates his authority over death, for the comfort of his sheep and the redemption of the world.

**The Text: John 11:1-57**

- 1) Jesus uses suffering to glorify himself, and for the discipleship of his followers (vv. 1-16).
  
- 2) Jesus cares for those who are grieving. (vv. 17-37)
  - (a) Jesus and Martha – Jesus ministers understanding by declaring his authority over death. (head)

*The Seven “I Am” Statements:*

- (1) *“I am the Bread of Life” (6:35) → Jesus is our most basic need who alone can satisfy us.*
- (2) *“I am the Light of the World (8:12) → Jesus is our cosmic savior who alone can redeem us.*
- (3) *“I am the Door of the Sheep” (10:7) → Jesus is our access to God who alone can mediate for us.*
- (4) *“I am the Good Shepherd” (10:11) → Jesus is our sacrificial provider who alone can care for us.*
- (5) *“I am the Resurrection and the Life” (11:25) → Jesus has authority over life and death.*
- (6) *“I am the Way and the Truth and the Life” (14:6) →*
- (7) *“I am the True Vine” (15:1) →*

- (b) Jesus and Mary – Jesus participates in our grief. (heart)

- 3) Christian hope is found in **bodily resurrection**, not disembodied escape. (vv. 38-44).

- 4) God uses the plot of evil men to advance his gospel purposes. (vv. 45-57)

**Response**

*Christian and non-Christian alike, is your hope for life after death placed in the one who offers resurrection and life, Jesus? Trust him! Let him grieve with you!*

## Sunday Text Questions for John 11:1-57

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- 1) Starter Question: What are some popular views of death and the afterlife in our culture?
- 2) Why does Jesus choose to stay two extra days instead of rushing to be with Lazarus (v. 6)? (don't forget verse 5!)
- 3) What does Jesus want to teach the disciples through the death of Lazarus? Why does he initially describe Lazarus as having "fallen asleep?" (vv.7-16)
- 4) How does Jesus specifically minister to Martha? What is the significance of Jesus declaring that he is the "resurrection and the life?" (vv. 17-27)
- 5) How does Jesus specifically minister to Mary? What does this look like today? (vv. 28-37)
- 6) If comfortable, share a story about how a death in your family (or a close friend) has affected your life.
- 7) What does the raising of Lazarus (vv. 38-44) teach us about Christian hope and the afterlife? Does this challenge or expand your previously held understanding of death?
- 8) How can Christians minister hope to those grieving in the world around us?
- 9) How does God use the wicked plans of men in order to advance his purposes (vv. 51-52)? What does this teach us about his sovereignty?
- 10) What *truths to believe* or *actions to obey* does this passage of Scripture teach us?

**Further study this week:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-34 (Mon); 1 Corinthians 15:35-58 (Tues); Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Wed); Romans 8 (Thurs); 2 Corinthians 4 (Fri).