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Scripture: John 11:1-44

“A Grief Revisited”

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Grief & Loss:

I. The Setting:

- **Bethany:** Lazarus, Mary & Martha
Wealth; significant; loved...
- **Jesus & the Disciples:** Away from the public eye
* He predicts Lazarus' death & resurrection
- **The Crisis:** Lazarus is dying...
 1. **Call Jesus:** Does not answer; does not come?
 2. **Funeral:** Jesus is absent
 3. **Reception:** Jesus arrives (4 days late)

II. The Conversation:

A. Jesus Cares for Martha— Emotions...

- Jesus: “He will live again” – means it literally
- Martha: The last days (resurrection)- she spiritualizes it

B. Jesus Speaks of Resurrection-

- **“I am”** the resurrection and the life (11:25)
**I am the resurrection: He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.*
** I am the life: and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.*
- Martha- “I believe you are **the Christ** (the Messiah); the **Son of God** (Daniel 3:25).

III. The Astonishing Event:

A. Jesus’ Compassion- *Isa 53:3 “He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief...” KJV*

- Jesus deeply moved in spirit and troubled...
- Jesus wept (11:35)
- Deeply moved (11:38)

B. The Miracle- *Beyond what people thought possible!*

- Take away the stone— would take many men
Martha— “But it will stink!”
- Prayed to the Father— God listens to Jesus
- The Command: **“Lazarus. Come Forth!”**
- Take off his grave clothes.

Plotting to kill Jesus: Jn.5:18; 7:19; 8:59; 10:39; **11:8**

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