Meet the Real Jesus: A Study in the Gospel of John
I Am the Resurrection and the Life
John 11:1-44

Structure of this Scripture:

1) A PROBLEM that is solved by Jesus.

An ordinary man died. Death is an ordinary experience, and it will come to all of us.

"Just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned." Romans 5:12

2) A CLAIM that is made by Jesus.

Jesus puts it all on Himself. I AM the resurrection and the life.
The power to raise the dead AND the power to give life are within Jesus.

In Genesis, God's creative power was released by speaking. We read the phrase, "God said" eight times in Genesis 1. Jesus demonstrated His power to raise the dead and give life by speaking to the dead man, Lazarus. Three words are recorded in John 11:43 - Lazarus, come out.

3) A QUESTION that is asked by Jesus.

Jesus asked Martha: Do you believe this? (John 11:26)
Jesus made it personal – do YOU believe this? Not your family, your sister, your village – YOU.

The word believe is important. In the Bible, belief is active trust.
That's more than – Do you agree with this? Do you support this? Do you like this?
Jesus is moving her away from the possibility of having a positive attitude about Jesus.
When Jesus said do you believe this claim – He is saying – Do you trust me?

Key Concept of this Scripture: Believe in Jesus.

He who believes in me will live even though he dies, John 11:25

With the resurrection of Lazarus – Jesus clearly and publicly demonstrated that He is able to deliver us through death. To this day, Jesus does not deliver us FROM death but through death so that we can live eternally with Him. Safe and secure, never to know the experience of death again.

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:4-6