

## **Our 40 Day Journey to the Cross Tuesday, Day 6**

**“Jesus Says: I Am the Resurrection and the Life”**

**\*Please Read John 11:17-37\***

**v17** So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days.

“There is no parallel whatever for the raising of a man who had been dead for four days and whose body had begun to putrefy (decay) .”

**He had already been in the tomb four days:**  
Jesus waited four days because He knew the Jewish superstition of that day that said a soul stayed near the grave for three days, hoping to return to the body. Therefore, it was accepted that after four days there was absolutely no hope of resuscitation.

**Even now I know that whatever  
You ask of God, God will give You:**  
Martha was not confident that Jesus would raise her brother. Instead, she said that she would still trust Jesus despite this disappointment. This was a remarkable demonstration of faith, one that should be taken as an example.

## **Your brother will rise again**

Martha understood that her brother Lazarus would rise again with all the righteous on the last day. She did not even consider that Jesus might immediately bring Lazarus from the dead.

We may comfort a grieving person by saying, “You will see him again.” We sincerely mean it and sincerely mean the comfort, but we don’t mean “You will see him again right now.” Jesus meant that Lazarus would rise again right now.

## **I am the resurrection and the life**

Jesus dramatically said that He is the resurrection and the life. To know Jesus is to know resurrection and life; to have Jesus is to have resurrection and life.

## **Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world:**

Martha answered correctly. Jesus was and is indeed the Messiah (the Christ). Jesus was and is God in human form among us (the Son of God).