

OVERVIEW

In John 11:17–44, Jesus meets Martha and Mary in their disappointment and reveals that their limited understanding has obscured a greater truth: He is not only able to give life but is Himself the resurrection and the life. Through Lazarus' death and resurrection, Jesus shows that even when God seems late, His purposes are grounded in love and lead to a deeper, eternal hope.

OHANA TIME!

 **Icebreaker:** What's one habit you wish you could magically fix overnight? **Or** What's your most-used app on your phone right now?

 **Activity:** Watch the new "Pastors Answer Ohana Questions" video together as a group! (Available on the website and KUC YouTube channel).

PRAYER

Pray: "Lord, help us trust You in our disappointment and live each day in the hope that You are the resurrection and the life. Amen."

BIBLE: READ JOHN 11:17-44

1. Read the passage as a narrative by having different people read different roles (ex. Narrator, Jesus, Martha, etc.)
2. How do Martha and Mary each respond to Jesus when He arrives? What is similar and what is different?
3. Both Martha and Mary say, "*Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.*" What does this statement reveal about their faith? In what sense could this also express disappointment or confusion?
4. Why do you think Jesus delayed coming, even though He loved Lazarus and his family? (cf. v. 6)
5. Jesus tells Martha: "*I am the resurrection and the life.*" What does He mean by this? How is this more than just raising Lazarus?
6. What is the significance of Jesus saying "*whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live*"?
7. What does Jesus' reaction (verse 35) teach us about: His compassion? His relationship to human suffering?

APPLICATION

1. Martha and Mary both believed Jesus could have healed Lazarus—but He didn't come in time. Can you recall a time when God seemed late or unresponsive? What made that experience feel like disappointment? How can our limited perspective cause us to misunderstand what God is doing? What truths about Jesus help anchor your faith in those moments?
2. Jesus says He is the resurrection and the life. How does believing that death is not the end change the way you face fear, loss, or uncertainty? What is one area where you need to live with resurrection hope instead of fear?

