

Week of July 5th, 2026 - I AM The Resurrection and The Life | Small Group Lesson 5

Connect

- How would you react if you saw someone you know come back to life after being dead and buried for a while?
- How often do you think or talk about the subject of resurrection? Is it only once a year, perhaps on Easter Sunday?

Verses - John 11:25–26 (CSB)

Read also the Background Passage: John 11:1–44.

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live. 26 Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Discuss & Apply

1. Lazarus was loved by Jesus, yet he fell ill. How can you explain that even those loved by God can become sick? (11:1–3)

2. According to Jesus, what was the purpose of Lazarus' sickness? Why do you think Jesus delayed his visit to Lazarus for two days? (11:4–7)

3. Why did Jesus feel glad for his disciples that he was not present at Lazarus's death? What was he trying to teach them through the sad reality of a person's death? (11:13–15)

4. What did Martha and Mary mean when they told Jesus separately, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died"? Do you think they were questioning why he did not come immediately after receiving their message about their brother? If you were them, would you have said the same thing to Jesus? If so, why? (11:21, 32b)

5. Read John 11:25–26 again. In his words to Martha, is Jesus referring to a physical resurrection, a spiritual resurrection, or both? Please explain your answer.

6. How does the truth of Jesus' statement, "I am the resurrection and the life," shape your life as a believer? How does it influence your priorities and decisions? (11:25a)

7. What are some ways you and your small group can plan to share with non-believers that Jesus is "the resurrection and the life"? Share outreach ideas with your group, then pray about practicing at least one of them.

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.