

The Resurrection & the Life  
John 11:1-54  
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**Central Proposition: You should believe that Jesus is the resurrection and the life.**

**Introduction**

What do you think makes God mad? What makes God angry enough to weep? Lazarus had died four days earlier, but when Mary and the crowd with her approached Jesus, they were all still weeping See John 11:33-38. What's Jesus mad about? Jesus came to give life. So, as Jesus looks at what death has done to those He created and has come to save, He's mad. He's mad over what's been stolen: hope, purpose, joy. Yes, He's mad at sin that brought death into the world and causes separation from the presence of God. And though He's compassionate and merciful, He's indignant at the unbelief of people wailing as if there is no tomorrow when they are in the presence of Life. Let's go back to the beginning of the story to understand these things.

**1. You can live the Father's purpose.** See John 11:4-5; 9-10; 11-16.

We know that Jesus Himself is the light of the world. So whenever He spoke about walking or working while it was still day, He was talking about fulfilling the purpose God gave Him. One of the things that death does is rob people of purpose. Believing that Jesus is the resurrection and the life means finding your purpose in Him. It means the reason for your life is to know and follow Him. You find that purpose as you understand God's ways through His Word and submit your unique talents, interests, and circumstances to Him in prayer.

**2. You can live in the Father's hope.** See John 11:17-27.

Related to the purposes of God is hope. Life without purpose is hopeless. Jesus is the resurrection and the life, and believing in that gives hope. The hope that we have in Jesus extends from a hope in the future to life right now.

**3. You can live in the Father's presence.** See John 11:38-41.

One of the properties of this abundant, hopeful life is that it is characterized by God's presence. Death steals presence. It takes away the people we love from where we can talk to them and hug them and be with them. This feeling of absence is an analogy for what sin does to our relationship with God; it brings death to that by robbing us of His presence, and that's bad, because you were made for that presence, and that's one reason why, when Jesus stood outside the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus was indignant. Do we know the power of this relationship to God that we have? Do we live with the consciousness of His presence, like Jesus? Do we know the depth of His love, the perfection of His wisdom, and the confidence that His presence gives? Our eyes are too often cast down by circumstances instead of lifted to the Father as Jesus' eyes were lifted up to Him when He stood before Lazarus' tomb.

**Conclusion**

Believe that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. He is the resurrection of the dead. Give up your dead way of living and walk in His life.