

I AM... THE RESURRECTION & THE LIFE

As preached on Sunday, September 15th

Read: John 11:1-44 (yep, all 44 verses!)

1. In v.3 Jesus is told “the one you love is sick.” Who is this? As you look through the book of John and the other gospels, what mention is made of Jesus’ relationship with the one he loves and his sisters?
2. Jesus tells his disciples in v.7 that it’s time to head back to Judea (the region where Lazarus lives). But, he waits two full days before doing so. Why do you think he waited?
3. When Jesus arrives in Bethany, he is greeted by Martha. How does she respond to him? Does she believe that Jesus could have healed her brother? Do you think Jesus needed to be present in Bethany in order to heal Lazarus? Why or why not?
4. In v.32, Mary reaches Jesus. Is her response to Jesus the same as her sister’s or different? What impact did Mary and the Jews who had come along with her have upon Jesus?
5. How important is it to you that Jesus understands your joys and pains? Take a moment to read Hebrews 2:16-18. What do these verses emphasize about our Savior?
6. In v.22 Martha expresses great faith in Jesus, yet her warning in v.39 doesn’t seem to embody that same faith. Why do you think that is? Can you think of a time when trusting God was a lot harder than saying you trusted him?
7. What do you think it must have been like to be standing there when Lazarus emerged from the tomb? What impact do you think this miracle had upon those present?
8. Look back to vv.25 and 26. What is the connection between Jesus’ “I AM” declaration there and the miracle of Lazarus’ resurrection? How should the truth of his I AM statement affect our everyday living?