

# Women's Bible Study

## ***Who You Say I AM?***

*He Is The Resurrection and The Life: John 11:1-26*

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### Intensive Study Questions

Key verse: "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.'" (John 11:25)

1. We're told that Jesus loved Mary, Martha and Lazarus (v. 3, 5). What evidence do you see in this chapter that they were close to him and loved him? What aspects of their relationship with Jesus do you see in your relationship with Christ?
2. Why did Jesus delay coming to Bethany even though he knew they needed him there? Have you experienced delay in answered prayer, or what seems like silence in response to your fervent prayer? What was the outcome of delayed but eventually answered prayer in your life? Locate at least two N.T. verses about prayer. What can we expect when we pray to God as believers?
3. The disciples were anxious about returning to Bethany. Why? Read the rest of the chapter (v. 45-54). Why did Jesus restrict his travels around the country after this incident at Bethany? Was Jesus ever afraid of human enemies?
4. Jesus says "I am the resurrection and the life." This statement does not prevent our physical death – even Lazarus eventually died again and was not resurrected. What does the Bible mean by this statement that Jesus is the resurrection?
5. Hebrews tells us that "he (Jesus) suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone." (Hebrews 2:9). What does it mean for Jesus to have "tasted death" for us? Read 1 Cor. 15:12-20. Why is the resurrection so very central to our faith?

### ***For additional study if desired:***

Read 1 Peter 1:3-5. What does the resurrection of Jesus accomplish in our life now? In the future?

Read Hebrews 2:14-18. What was the first outcome of Jesus' resurrection? Does the salvation achieved by Jesus' resurrection apply to angels? How does Jesus' humanity help us?

Read Acts 2:22-32. Why was death unable to keep its hold on Christ? How did the disciples know that Jesus was resurrected from the dead?

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1. Have you lost someone you love to death? If you could have asked for resurrection (like Lazarus's) would you have done so? Why or why not?
2. Jesus deliberately delayed coming to Mary and Martha even though he knew they needed him, saying that "It is for God's glory, so that God's Son may be glorified through it." (John 11:4) Can you think of a time in your life when God delayed answering your fervent prayer? Was he ultimately glorified through what happened? What happened to your faith through this experience?
3. Hebrews tells us that "he (Jesus) suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone." (Hebrews 2:9). What does it mean for Jesus to have "tasted death" for us? Does that prevent us from dying? If death truly has been vanquished by Jesus' resurrection, why do we still physically die?
4. Imagine that someone you love is imminently facing death. What would you tell them? Now imagine you come upon a stranger who is bleeding to death from an accident. You have just one minute while they are still conscious. How would you explain the gospel to them in such a short time? As a group, try writing down some sentences that you could use to explain the gospel accurately but very briefly.