

## John 11:21

John chapter 11 includes the description of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. For this lesson, you can read here - [John 11:17-37](#), or listen to it by playing the audio file: [John 11-17 thru 11-37.mp3](#). It takes about 2 and a half minutes to listen to this audio clip.

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Think about [John 11:21-22](#).

*Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you."*

- What did Martha know about her brother?
- What did Martha know Jesus could yet do for her brother? (See John 11:21-22 quoted above.)

[Matthew 9:18-26](#). ... a ruler came in and knelt before him (Jesus), saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus rose and followed him, ... And when Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. And the report of this went through all that district.

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Think about [John 11:23](#).

*Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."*

- How would these words comfort Martha in her sorrow?
  - How will the dead in Christ rise again?  
[1Thessalonians 4:13-18](#) ... we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ... For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, ... the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.
  - Why did some Jews deny that God would raise the dead?  
[Mark 12:18-27](#) And Sadducees came to him (Jesus), who say that there is no resurrection. ... Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? ... And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong."
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Think about [John 11:24-25](#).

*Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."*

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection ..."*

- What did Martha know about the resurrection of the dead?
- What did Jesus know about the resurrection of the dead?
- In what way is Jesus the resurrection of the dead?

[John 5:21-29](#) (Jesus said) *"For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. ... Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ... Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment."*

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