

John 11:25

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Lazarus and his two sisters, Martha and Mary, were friends of Jesus. Lazarus got sick, died and was buried. Jesus delayed his coming to them until Lazarus had been dead for four days. When Jesus arrived, Martha had this conversation with Jesus.

Think about [John 11:21-27](#).

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ... Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 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 and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

- What two things does Jesus say he is?
- *"Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."* When Jesus said these words, Lazarus had died and Martha was alive. To whom did these word best apply, Lazarus or Martha? Why?
- *"Everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."* When Jesus said these words, Lazarus had died and Martha was alive. To whom did these word best apply, Lazarus or Martha? Why?
- What is true about the life of a believer in Jesus, after the resurrection?
[Luke 20:27-36](#). *There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ... And Jesus said to them, "... those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead ... they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection."*

(2)

Think about [John 11:11-14](#).

... He (Jesus) said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died."

- How does Jesus describe a believer, whose flesh has died? Why?

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Think about [1Thessalonians 5:9-10](#) .

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

- What are the two states of being, that believers in Jesus may be in?
- What will be true of believers in Jesus who are awake or asleep?

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- When Jesus asked "Do you believe this?", to what was he referring?
- How did Martha answer this question?