





Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."

John 11:1-3 (NKJV)

When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

John 11:4 (NKJV)

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was.

John 11:5,6 (NKJV)

Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well."

However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep.

So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days."

John 11:17 (NKJV)

Now 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 of God, God will give You."

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

Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

John 11:21-24 (NKJV)

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever 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 to come into the world."

John 11:25-27 (NKJV)



<u>First level of faith</u> – the "how" of the Christian life (Verses 21-22):

- "Lord, if You had been here, my brother wouldn't have died."
- I know that "whatever you ask of God, God will give you."
- I know that prayer works.
- Based on belief in prayer, Bible study, even spiritual gifts

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<u>Second level of faith</u> – the "what" of the Christian life (Verses 23-24):

- "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."
- Martha knows that her brother will be resurrected based on the promises she has learned.
- Based on doctrinal belief.

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<u>Third level of faith</u> – the "Who" of the Christian life (Verses 25-26):

- Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life". He is asking Martha, "Do you believe in Me?"
- Martha believes that Jesus is the Messiah.
- All the "hows" and "whats" are there in order to give you access to the Who.
- Based on the understanding that Jesus is Life.

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

Jesus said, "Take away the stone."
Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.

John 11:38,39 (NKJV)

Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

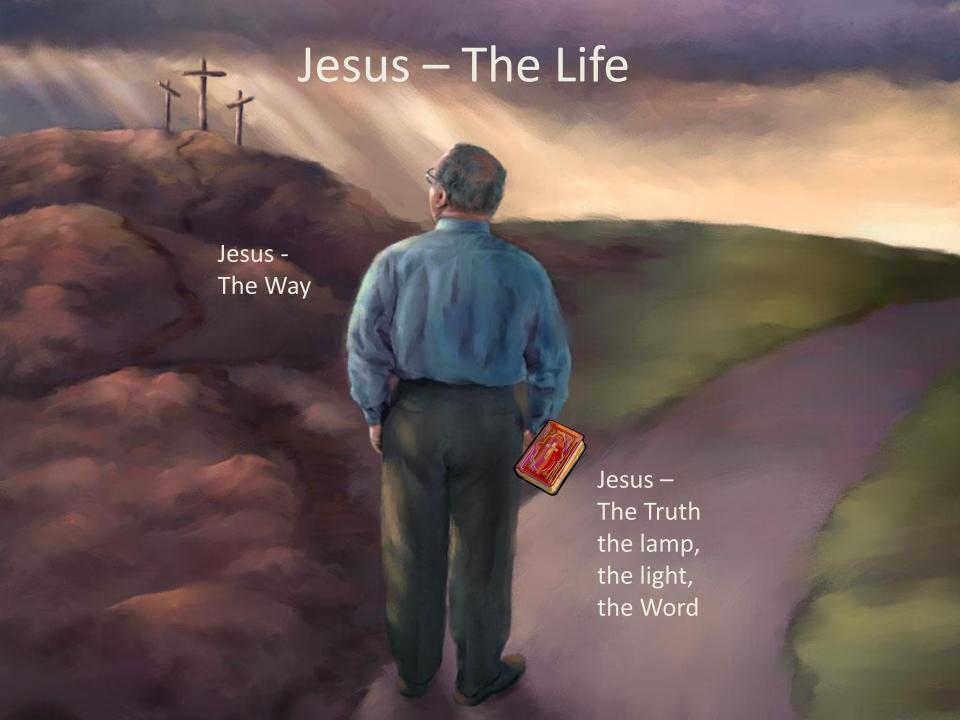
John 11:40 (NKJV)

⁴¹ Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me."

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13,14 (ESV)



Scriptures of Assurance

- Job 19:25
- 1 Corinthians 15:51-53
- 1 Thessalonians. 4:13-18



Angels "gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Little children are borne by holy angels to their mothers' arms. Friends long separated by death are united, nevermore to part, and with songs of gladness ascend together to the City of God.

The Great Controversy, p. 645 (Ellen White)



