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John 11:1-44
For the week of September 11th, 2022

Reading the Text:

1. In these 44 verses, John is telling one continuous story. How would you tell the story in your own words? Who or what are the key points, characters, emotions, details, etc.?
2. What did Jesus mean in v. 4 when He said, “*This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.*”? In what way did Jesus mean that Lazarus’ illness (and death) was for the glory of God?
3. Jesus and Martha have a profound dialogue in vv. 21-27. What beliefs did Martha seem to understand? What are the things she did not quite fully see yet?
4. This story of Jesus resurrecting Lazarus is to point to Jesus Himself as “*the resurrection and the life*”. In what ways is He “*the resurrection*”? In what ways is He “*the life*”?

Living It Out:

1. Sometimes it can be difficult to think of God as a being with emotions. However, John goes to great lengths to show us Jesus’ emotions in this story. How does seeing Jesus’ emotions encourage you and influence your view of God?
2. A potentially confusing piece of this story is that Jesus waited four days before He got to Lazarus. (He waited two days to leave for a two-day journey). What circumstance in your life are you wishing Jesus would resolve more quickly? What is it like being in the waiting period? How might God want to be glorified through you in these circumstances?
3. John records a pointed question from Jesus in v. 26 – “*Do you believe this?*”. In what ways do you sometimes find it difficult to believe His statement in vv. 25 - 26?