



Use this space to jot down/sketch what you sense God speaking to you:

John 11:4-6

⁴When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." ⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days...

John 11:14-15, 17

¹⁴So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ... ¹⁷On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

John 11:28

The Teacher [Jesus] is here and he is waiting for you.
(emphasis added)

John 11:43-44

⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live even though they die..."

~ Jesus (John 11:25)

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new LIFE in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness.
I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

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For Further Reflection:

- :: What is something you're **celebrating** from the last season?
- :: When you think of what has been especially **challenging** in recent days for you or your family, what comes to mind?
- :: What did you find surprising, encouraging, or thought-provoking from this weekend's message? What might God be wanting to awaken for you there?
- :: Read John 11:17-44 (if time, read from verse 1).
 - :: What do the interactions between Jesus, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus reveal to us about God's love?
 - :: What do we see about God's power?
 - :: How does what you see in the passage speak to our limited perspectives in the midst of God's greater plan?
- :: Pastor Jeremiah said, "Because Jesus loved his friends, he waited." What are the implications of this? How does this speak to your reality in the current season?
- :: What is an area of your life you sense Jesus may want to "resurrect in power" rather than simply "rest in peace"? Share this with someone you trust (and invite them to share a similar area with you!) Join with one another in expectantly awaiting God's activity in that area. Commit to pray regularly for each other.

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