

Today's passage is the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. Through this passage, let us learn about the God we believe in—the God we should look to amid our sufferings, troubles, and even in the face of death—and may we all experience the grace of this God, in the name of the Lord.

**First, God is One who empathizes with us.**

In John 11:35, it says, "Jesus wept." Why did Jesus weep? In verse 33, we find the reason. Verse 33 says, "When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled." Jesus saw Mary and the Jews who came with her weeping. Seeing their sorrow, he was deeply moved and wept with compassion. Jesus is a God who shares in our pain and takes pity on human frailty and despair, even in the face of death.

**Second, God is One who gives us faith.**

Throughout the signs in the Gospel of John, we see that faith always accompanies the experience of God's power. Through acts of faith like obedience, patience, prayer, and focusing on the Lord, we are allowed to witness God's miracles. In John 11:40, Jesus says, "If you believe, you will see the glory of God." Jesus encourages Martha to believe in God's power at work and emphasizes that faith is the channel through which we experience God's power. Through this word, God wants to reveal His glory through our faith.

**Third, God is the resurrection and the life.**

Jesus proved that he is "the resurrection and the life" by raising Lazarus from the dead. In John 11:25, Jesus declares, "I am the resurrection and the life," showing God's power to conquer death and grant eternal life. The resurrection of Lazarus is not merely a miracle; it is a confirmation that those who believe in Jesus will have eternal life. In human life, death is something no one can avoid and brings the greatest loss and despair (Hebrews 9:27). Jesus is the answer to death, the fundamental problem of our existence. He is the only answer to death.

Jesus does not say, "I will be resurrected," or that he is just one among many resurrections. He says, "I am the resurrection," meaning that he is the source and essence of resurrection itself. The resurrection Jesus promises includes not only our souls and spirits but ultimately a complete renewal of even our physical bodies. This is what we call eternal life. Through Jesus, who is the resurrection, we are blessed to break all the powers of death and to experience the blessing of new life, which is the greatest blessing of faith.

**Bible Memorization**

**A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

“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?’” (John 11:25-26)

**Bible Reading**

11/4(Mon)	11/5(Tue)	11/6(Wed)	11/7(Thur)	11/8(Fri)	11/9(Sat)	11/10(Sun)
Luke 15-17	Luke 18-20	Luke 21-22	Luke 23-24	John 1-3	John 4-5	John 6

**QT**

**Quiet Time Passage**

11/4(Mon)	11/5(Tue)	11/6(Wed)	11/7(Thur)	11/8(Fri)	11/9(Sat)	11/10(Sun)
Psalms 65:1-13	Psalms 66:1-7	Psalms 66:8-20	Psalms 67:1-7	Psalms 68:1-18	Psalms 68:19-35	Psalms 69:1-12

**Sharing Questions**

1. Please share an experience of God’s grace in your life through last week’s sermon or your personal devotional time.

2. Share any new insights or blessings you received through today’s message.

3. Based on today’s passage, acknowledge the God you should look to in times of suffering, and apply this understanding concretely in your life. Let’s pray together.