

Sermon Guide

Teaching Series - Also Known As

Sermon Title - "I AM - the resurrection and the life"

Sermon Date - Sunday May 3, 2026

Warm Up Question - What's the longest you've ever had to wait for something—and was it worth it?

Teaching Text: John 11:1-44

Study Questions: (Study questions are meant to support better understanding of the teaching text or encourage further study.)

1. Who are the main people involved in this story? What do we learn about them?
2. How does Jesus respond when He hears Lazarus is sick (vv. 4–6)? What stands out about His timing?
3. What do Martha and Mary each say to Jesus when He arrives (vv. 21, 32)? What is similar or different about how Jesus responds to them? What is the question Jesus asks Martha?
4. Highlight some of the key moments in verses 38-44. What stands about this miracle?

Application Questions: (Application questions are intended to promote conversation on how God is directing us to apply the sermon, either personally or to the group as a whole.)

1. What sets your pace? How do you discern what you do, when you will do it and where you invest your energy? How does your pace setting align with Jesus' will for your life? How do you create space to discern God's will for your day to day?
2. What questions or emotions has death prompted in you? Have you asked God - Why did you let this happen? Where were you? Have you felt abandoned, uncomforted by a future hope, in need of help now?
3. How has Jesus met you personally the pain and mourning caused by death?
4. What is your answer to Jesus' question of Martha? Are you experiencing this new life with Christ presently? What does that look like for you?
5. What other application did you sense the Holy Spirit prompt in you from the sermon or teaching text?

Pray: Take time together to listen to the Spirit's leading and pray God's will for one another.

Bonus: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 2 Cor 5:6-8, Phil 1:20-26 - "I am torn, I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body"