

3rd Week of February

Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life

- **Text:** John 11:25~26 (February 9)
- **Bottom line:** Jesus, the Son of God, is in charge of life and death.

≡ 1. Prayer

Thank you, God, for giving us breath and life. Let us remember that there is life in God's word, and let us enjoy listening to God's word at this time .

≡ 2. Praise

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≡ 3. The Word

Read John 11:25~26 together (read the verse 3 times).

* Reading the Word over and over again in different translations will help you to deepen your understanding of the material.

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Understanding Text

Jesus came to the house of Lazarus after he died. Jesus told Martha that Lazarus would rise again. Jesus, the Son of God, is the one who controls life. So "I am the resurrection and the life." He declared. Those who believe in Jesus will have eternal life.

Understanding the text for leaders

Lazarus, whom Jesus loved, got sick and died. Jesus knew Lazarus was sick, but after he died, He went to Bethany, where Lazarus' home was. When Lazarus died, many people came to visit Martha and Mary. When Martha heard that Jesus had come, she went to meet him at the entrance of the village. When Jesus saw Martha, He told her that Lazarus would rise again. Martha replied that Lazarus would be resurrected on the last day because she had never thought of the resurrection of the dead in the real world. When Jesus heard this answer, He made it clear again. "I am the resurrection and the life." That's what I said. Martha, who hadn't experienced the resurrection, didn't know what it meant. It was the same with Jesus' disciples. Jesus is the one who is in charge of life. When Jesus told her to remove the stone that was blocking the tomb, Martha discouraged her from doing so, saying that she had been dead for four days and smelled rotten, but Jesus said, "If you believe my words, you will see the glory of God." (11:40). Jesus said, "Lazarus, come forth." Lazarus walked out with a sackcloth bound by the rope (11:39, 43~44). Truly, Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Jesus died by the cross, but He showed us who He was by His resurrection. And He denied eternal life to those who believed in the resurrected Jesus. In this way, the sign of Lazarus being brought back to life is an event that clearly reveals Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life.

4. Sharing

1) Who did Jesus introduce Himself to Martha as she mourned the death of Lazarus? (verse 25).

Upper Grades

Jesus said, "I am and .

 Find the right words in the blank and write them below (verse 25).

Lower Grades

Jesus said, "I am and .

 What's the word for each blank? (verse 25).

Question Guide

Jesus clearly introduced Himself by declaring, "I am ~." Read verse 25 aloud together. Ask your children what they think of "resurrection and life" and let them know what it means.

Comments for Leaders

Jesus told Martha that Lazarus would rise again. But Martha gave a perfunctory answer in the traditional Jewish belief in the resurrection. He believes that Lazarus will rise again in the "last days." Martha vaguely professed her traditional belief in the resurrection, but she did not believe that it would actually happen to Lazarus. Jesus replied, "I am the resurrection and the life." He declared. This means that Jesus can raise the dead, something that only the Sovereign of life can say. Jesus, who is life, became the first fruits of the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:20~22) and opened the way to eternal life and salvation. The resurrection of Lazarus was a foreshadowing of Jesus' resurrection and life.

2) What's the saddest thing or the most frightening thing you've ever done? What would happen if we entrusted it to Jesus, the Ruler of life?

■ **Upper Grades**

What hope can I have in believing in Jesus, who is the resurrection and life of Lazarus from the dead?

■ **Lower Grades**

What do I want to pray to Jesus, who raised the dead?

□ **Question Guide**

Be honest about what you are sad about or afraid of. Illness, loss of money, the death of a loved one, etc. Share what Jesus would do if you entrusted it to Jesus, the Son of God. On the contrary, what people fear the most is death. Therefore, let them know that Jesus, who overcame death and was resurrected, is a living hope for all who believe.

□ **Comments for Leaders**

The saddest thing for Martha and Mary was the death of their brother Lazarus. When Lazarus died, his family and friends were desperate and sad that it was all over. When Jesus saw that they were sad, He was grieved (11:33). Jesus is the Son of God who came to this earth to save us from our sins and the despair of death. Jesus shows us that death is powerless before Him and invites us to come to light and life instead of enslaving ourselves to despair and darkness. Those of faith who confess Jesus as their Lord are the ones who live in this hope. Sorrow, despair, and hardship cannot separate us from God's love. Those who confess Jesus as Lord can fully enjoy the abundance of life without despair or giving up in the face of any difficulty.

≡ **5. Be grateful**

Give thanks for the way of eternal life and the life of salvation opened by Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life.

≡ **6. Prayer**

Thank you, God, for giving us life through Jesus. Please let us continue to love and serve Jesus, the Lord of life, and live with the hope of resurrection and eternal life. Whenever we encounter difficulties, please help us to rely on Christ.

- End the family worship service with the Lord's Prayer