

FROM DEATH TO LIFE WEEK 4

When Life Walks Into the Grave

John 11:1-45 | Romans 8:6-11

Big Idea

Jesus doesn't avoid death, he enters it to bring life.

1. The Road We Don't Want to Walk

Life feels like a familiar road, until it leads to places we didn't expect:

- Loss
- Grief
- Death
- Disappointment

Core questions:

“Jesus... where are you?”

“Why does it feel like you're late?”

2. The Story Begins, And Jesus Waits

John 11:1-16

- Lazarus is sick
- His sisters send for Jesus
- Jesus delays

By the time he arrives: **Lazarus has been dead four days**

Key tension: What feels like delay... can feel like absence.

3. Faith and Grief Together

John 11:17-32

Both Martha and Mary say: “**Lord, if you had been here...**”

Same words, different postures:

- Martha → questions and conversation
- Mary → grief and tears

Key truth: Faith doesn't always look the same.

4. The Declaration

John 11:25-27

“I am the resurrection and the life.”

- Not just future hope
- Not just a miracle

Resurrection is a person: Jesus himself

5. Jesus Weeps

John 11:33-35

- Jesus knows what he will do
- Yet he enters into grief

Key truth: God is not distant from suffering. He is present in it.

6. The Moment Everything Changes

John 11:38-44

“Lazarus, come out.”

- A real miracle
- A sign of something greater

Jesus calls him: **By name**

7. The Deeper Reality

Romans 8:6-11

“The Spirit... who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.”

Key truth: The power of resurrection is not just future— **It is present now.**

8. Life Today

This story speaks into real life:

Waiting Seasons

Delay does not mean absence.

Real Grief

Grief is not a failure of faith.

Hope That Feels Delayed

Hope is not just future—it begins now.

The Places That Feel Final

What feels “over” to us is not beyond Jesus.

9. The Turning Point

After this miracle: **Leaders decide Jesus must die**

The Great Irony

Lazarus walks out of the grave... Because Jesus is about to walk into one.

Jesus is reversing everything broken in the world.

Final Truth

When life walks into the grave... **Death does not get the final word.**

Lazarus walks out of the grave... Because Jesus is about to walk into one.

And through that... **He opens the door to life for us all.**