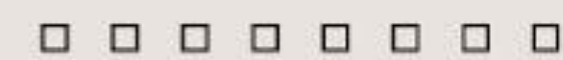


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SECTION TWO





WEEK SEVEN

RAISING LAZARUS

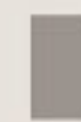
JOHN 11:1-45




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- 1. Death is a reality we all experience.**
 - 2. Death makes us uncomfortable.**
 - 3. We do not “move on” from grief.
We move forward with it.**



**Suffering with God:
Jesus' presence in and
power over death**



- **A Teacher In Our Grief**
- **A Companion In Our Grief**
- **The Messiah Through Our Grief**
- **The Hope Beyond Our Grief**



Teacher In Our Grief

Companion

Messiah

Hope

John 11:21-25 NIV

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “**I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.** Do you believe this?”



**Jesus Is The Source:
Resurrection
and Life**



Death as “separation” because of sin
Relational, Spiritual, Physical, Eternal Death

Life as “restoration” because of Christ
Relational, Spiritual, Physical, Eternal Life



Teacher
Companion In Our Grief
Messiah
Hope

John 11:32-35, 38 NIV

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, **he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.** ³⁴ “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. ³⁵ **Jesus wept...** ³⁸ **Jesus, once more deeply moved,** came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.



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Time and again, in the grit of pain both mental and physical, we need help to re-discover God is with us in a way that doesn't ignore, dismiss or placate suffering but offers a redemptive story of suffering and hope.

- Deacon Deborah Wilde



Teacher
Companion

Messiah Through Our Grief

Hope

John 11:39-42 NIV

“Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” ⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that **if you believe, you will see the glory of God?**” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, **that they may believe that you sent me.**”



Teacher
Companion
Messiah

Hope Beyond Our Grief

John 11:43-44 NIV

When he had said this, Jesus **called in a loud voice**, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The 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.**”



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Christ's miracles were not the suspension of the natural order but the restoration of the natural order. They were a reminder of what once was prior to the fall and a preview of what will eventually be a universal reality once again — a world of peace and justice, without death, disease, or conflict.

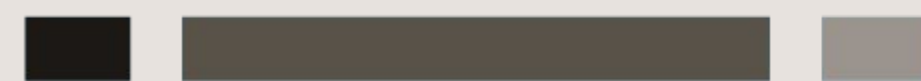
- Timothy Keller



John 12:1-2 NLT

Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead. ² A dinner was prepared in Jesus' honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him.

**Because Jesus has conquered sin and death,
our hope is always in renewal and resurrection.**





Practically Walking with God Through Grief

Community

A God-given people to love, live, and pursue Christ with

Lament

A God-given tool to pray and worship in pain and tragedy

Grieve with Hope

A God-given expectation for our resurrection and the renewal of all things