

Death Leads To Life

John 11:17-27

I. Martha faces the reality of her brother's death John 11:17-19

A. The confirmation of Death (17,18)

17 So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away.

B. The comforting of the family (19)

19 And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

II. Martha processes her grief John 11:20-23

A. Martha's response to Jesus coming (20)

20 Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.

B. Martha's grief expressed in words (21,22)

21 Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

C. Martha's hope for her brother's spiritual future (23,24)

23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again. 24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

III. Jesus promises life to those who believe John 11:25-27

A. Jesus promises a new life (25-27)

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

B. Martha confirmation of her faith (27)

"27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

Conclusion

- 1. Our faith community helps us in our loss.**
- 2. Our faith in Jesus will help us in the grief process.**
- 3. Our faith is anchored in the fact that there is life after death.**