



Dead, But Not Done

Series: The Way of Jesus

Scripture: John 11:1-44

3 examples of dying on the inside:

1. _____ = dead because of _____ (v16)
2. _____ = dead because of _____ (v20)
3. _____ = dead because of _____ (v21)
 - God's _____ doesn't mean God's _____ or _____.

"But I know that even now, God will give you whatever you ask." (v22)

- Even now, _____ is still _____.
- While things may feel _____, they're not _____.
- The _____ is not merely something Jesus _____. It's _____ Jesus is.
- Lazarus came out because Jesus _____ him. Jesus came out because _____ couldn't _____ Him.
- It's _____ that God is still at _____, even when we're _____ in the first 21 verses.

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live... Do you believe this?" (vv25-26)

Daily Challenge:

Every day this week, identify one situation that feels dead, delayed, or hopeless and intentionally bring it to Jesus. Pray, "Jesus, even now, I believe You are still at work. Help me trust You when I can't see what You're doing."

Then take one step of faith instead of one step of fear—pray, forgive, encourage someone, reach out, serve, or simply keep trusting.

Start Talking.

- Have you ever had a situation where you knew something was difficult, but you didn't realize just how difficult it was until you were in the middle of it?
- If you had to describe your current season with one word—faith, doubt, discouragement, waiting, hope, or something else—what would it be?

Start Thinking:

- Thomas, Mary, and Martha each responded differently to what was happening. How do you see doubt, discouragement, and delay showing up in their responses?
- Jesus told Martha, *“I am the resurrection and the life.”* How is that different from simply saying, “I can perform a resurrection”?
- What do you think Jesus meant when He said, *“Do you believe this?”* Why do you think that question is still important for us today?
- Pastor Troy said, “God’s delay doesn’t mean God’s absence, and God’s delay doesn’t mean God’s denial.” How can that truth be difficult to believe when we’re waiting?

Start Sharing:

- Have you ever experienced a season when you felt like God was delayed? What did that do to your faith?
- Have you ever wrestled with doubts about God because of something you experienced? How did you work through those doubts?
- Where in your life right now do you need an *“even now”* moment—where you can say, “Even now, I know God is still God”?
- Is there something in your life that feels spiritually or emotionally “dead” that you need to invite Jesus to bring back to life?

Start Praying:

- Ask God to meet those who are struggling with doubt.
- Pray for those who are discouraged or losing hope.
- Pray for those who are waiting on God, asking for faith to trust Him even in the delay.

Start Doing:

- Identify one area where you’ve been saying, “Why bother?” and intentionally bring it to Jesus this week.
- When you encounter discouragement, pause and remind yourself: “Even now, God is still at work.”
- Look for someone who is struggling with doubt, discouragement, or waiting, and be an encouragement to them this week.

Remember: Your circumstances may not have changed yet, but God hasn’t changed. Even now, He is still the Resurrection and the Life.