

him go" (v.44).

We might wish with all our hearts that we could bring a loved one back, but if we were to give those commands nothing would happen. But Jesus has that ability, for He is "the resurrection and the life" (v.25). His power was demonstrated when Lazarus came out of the tomb—alive!

One day, Jesus will again be "at the cemetery." And when He gives the command, all the dead who believed in Him will "come forth" (John 5:28-29; 1 Thessalonians 4:16). What a day that will be! —Dave Egner

*There'll be no sorrow there, no more burdens to bear,
No more sickness, no pain, no more parting over there;
And forever I will be with the One who died for me—
What a day, glorious day that will be! —Hill
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For the Christian, death is the doorway to glory.



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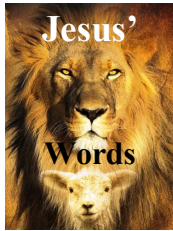
At The Cemetery

He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. —John 11:25

When a loved one dies and we go to the cemetery, we may join a long processional. We may sit or stand around the gravesite and listen respectfully while the minister commits the body to the earth and reads Bible verses about the resurrection. Then the casket is lowered into the ground. We may return later to leave some flowers and stand with heads bowed in memory and respect. Our loved one is dead, and we know we can never bring him back.

When Jesus went to the cemetery, it was different. His friend Lazarus had died, and when Jesus got to the tomb, He exercised His power and authority. He commanded: "Take away the stone" (John 11:39). "Lazarus, come forth!" (v.43). "Loose him, and let





Yes, He Cares



In John 11:17-54 there are four responses to the circumstances:

1. The _____ of Jesus, verses 17-43

John 5:19-20 — 19 ..Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. 20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

Job 19:25-26 — 25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; 26 And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God,

Daniel 12:2 — 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Isaiah 50:4 — 4 “The Lord God has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.

Luke 4:22 — 22 So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. ...

Revelation 1:18 — 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Isaiah 53:3-4 — 3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. 4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows;

John 17:5 — 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. **John 5:25** — 25 Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.



James 4:8 — 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.
1 Peter 5:7 — 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

2. The _____ of Mary and Martha, verses 20-22, 37, 27, 29, 32, 12:1-3



3. The _____ of some, verse 45



4. The _____ of others, verses 46-53

