

John 11:17-37

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***"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"***

**Introduction:**

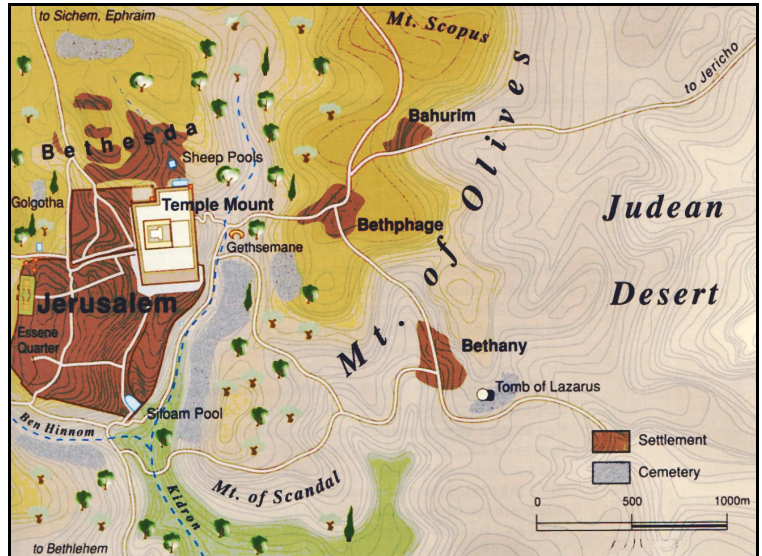
review and background (vs. 18-19)

"when Jesus came"

"already been in the tomb four days"

"Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off"

"many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary"



**I. THE CONVERSATION WITH THE SISTERS (11:20-32)**

**A. With Martha (vs. 20-27)**

**• her grieving resentment**

"Martha...went to meet Him"

"Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

"Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

**• His great revelation**

"Your brother will rise again."

"I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."  
(Psalm 17:15; 49:15; Job 19:25-26; Daniel 12:2)

"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die." (c.f. John 5:28-29)

"Do you believe this?"

**• her genuine reliance**

"Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world."

B. With Mary (vs. 28-32)

• ***His special request***

“she went away and called Mary her sister, saying secretly...”

“The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”

• ***her swift response***

“she got up quickly and was coming to Him”

“now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met Him”

“the Jews who were with her in the house, and consoling her...followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there”

• ***her singular reverence***

“when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet”

“Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”

**II. THE COMPASSION OF THE SAVIOR (11:33-37)**

A. The Weeping Christ (vs. 33-35)

- what He **saw** (vs. 33a) - “when Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping”
- what He **suffered** (vs. 33b) - “He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled”
- what He **said** (vs. 34) - “Where have you laid him?”
- what He **showed** (vs. 35) - “Jesus wept.”

B. The Wondering Crowd (vs. 36-37)

“So the Jews were saying, ‘See how He loved him!’ ”

“Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have kept this man also from dying?”

**Conclusion:**

- 1) God wants us to face life’s overwhelming trials with overcoming faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2) It is in our trials that we often have the best opportunity to turn to the Lord. (Romans 5:3-5)
- 3) The best course of action when we are faced with adversity of any kind is to run to Jesus.

**Food for Thought:**

- 1) Why was it dangerous for Jesus to go to Bethany at that time? Why did Jesus wait to visit Lazarus?
- 2) Why is it important to affirm God’s loving sovereignty over all our trials? What is lost if we deny this?
- 3) Should we always pray for divine healing? How can we know God’s purpose in sickness and death?
- 4) Is there a proper way to complain to God? (Was Mary sinning in her complaint in vs. 32?)