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Title: Resurrection Responses

Big Idea: Jesus knows what He is doing, what will you do?

Scripture Reference: John 11: 38 - 12:7

11:38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been *dead* four days."

1. Open up.

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" 41 Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up *His* eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42 And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said *this*, that they may believe that You sent Me."

2. Pray out loud.

43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" 44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

3. Come out & be free.

Ephesians 4:22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,

Colossians 3:8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

Galatians 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."

NLT Galatians 5:1 So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law... 4 For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace.

45 Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him. 46 But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did.

47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, “What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. **48** If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation.”

4. Don't fear loss.

49 And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all, **50** nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish.” **51** Now this he did not say on his own *authority*; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, **52** and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.

Substitutionary atonement: a substitute atones or pays the debt of another.

53 Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death. **54** Therefore Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there into the country near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim, and there remained with His disciples. **55** And the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went from the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves. **56** Then they sought Jesus, and spoke among themselves as they stood in the temple, “What do you think—that He will not come to the feast?” **57** Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command, that if anyone knew where He was, he should report *it*, that they might seize Him.

12:1 Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. **2** There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. **3** Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. **4** But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, who would betray Him, said, **5** “Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” **6** This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. **7** But Jesus said, “Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. **8** For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.”

5. Worship generously.

Discussion Questions

Look over these questions before your group time. Write down your answers or ideas for at least a few questions if not all. You may not get to every question during your time, but speak up if you want to talk about one of them in particular. Always try to start with question #1.

1. What stood out to you and/or what do you think God might be speaking about from this message?
2. Why do you think Jesus didn't just roll back the stone Himself? What does this teach us about our role in His work?
3. How do you feel about praying out loud? When or where could you practice sharing your faith by praying out loud?

4. What does a Christian still living in “grave clothes” look like to you? How can we be better at helping people unwrap from sin or from legalism?
5. What do you think people are afraid to lose when they think about following Jesus?
6. Why is real worship more than singing?