



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF APRIL 19-20, 2025 | TAKE OFF YOUR GRAVE CLOTHES

WARM-UP QUESTION

Share a time when something in your life felt “dead” or hopeless, but God brought new life to it.

DISCUSS

Read [John 11:1-16](#)

- What do verses 1-5 show us about Jesus’ relationship with Lazarus, Mary, and Martha?
- Why do you think Jesus chooses to wait, even though He knows Lazarus is sick?
- What does the disciples’ hesitation to return to Judea reveal about what it meant to follow Jesus at that point in His ministry? How does this moment highlight the tension between fear and faith?
- Have you ever said, “Lord, if you had been here...”? In the past, how have you handled God’s timing when things didn’t go as you hoped?
- What does Jesus’ calm confidence show us about trusting God’s plan, even when it leads to uncertainty or difficulty?
- What does Thomas’ statement in verse 16 reveal about what it means to follow Jesus without having all the answers?

Read [John 11:17-44](#)

- What stands out to you about Martha’s interaction with Jesus when He arrives?
- What does her response reveal about her faith and understanding of who Jesus is?
- Why is Jesus’ statement “I am the resurrection and the life” such a turning point in this story?
- What does Jesus’ decision to weep with Mary and the others tell us about His heart?
- Why is it significant that Jesus calls Lazarus by name and commands him to come out?
- How does this miracle help us see resurrection as not just an event, but a person—Jesus Himself?

TAKE ACTION

Take a few moments to pray, asking the Holy Spirit to show you your next step of obedience with the following:

- What grave clothes do you need to lay at Jesus’ feet?
- Where is Jesus inviting you to step into new life today?

Then, create an “I will” statement—one simple, actionable step you’ll take this week. Share your statements with one another and encourage each other to follow through.