

## “LIFE” COME FORTH

John 11:11-12:19 11 *After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."* 12 *His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better."* 13 *Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.* 14 ***So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, 15 and >for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. < But let us go to him."*** .... 17 *On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.* 18 *Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem,* 19 *and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.* 20 *When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.* 21 *"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ....* 28 *And after she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you."* 29 *When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ...* 32 *When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."* 33 *When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.* 34 *"Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied.* 35 *Jesus wept.* 36 ***Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ...*** 38 *Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.* 39 ***"Take away the stone," he said.*** "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." 40 *Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"* 41 *So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."* 43 ***When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"*** 44 *The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."* 45 *Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him. ....* John 12:1 *Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ....* 9 *Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 >So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, 11 for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and putting their faith in him.<* 12 *The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. 13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" ....* 17 ***Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word.*** 18 *Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him. 19 >So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!" NIV*