

SERMON SERIES: 52
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Sermon Title:

“Bring Me Life”

Introduction

Last week we looked at how Jesus works with us in our “In-Between” moments in life. Whether that was in-between jobs, in-between relationships, or in-between prayer and waiting for God to move. There are times in our lives when we are stuck in the middle of the mess and it causes us to turn to God and ask the question: “Can Jesus give me life?”

- Share a brief story about a time you can remember when something was given new life. (For example: a plant, a room, or a friendship.)

Seek the Word

- Read John 11:1-44. Why was it better that Jesus did not show up right away? How did the crowd, Mary and Martha, and the disciples benefit from pushing through the mess to get to the miracle?
- Notice how Jesus ministers differently to Mary than he does to Martha. What are some things that are different? How is this a picture of how Jesus meets us where we're at?
- Jesus brings us back to life, but he uses others to remove the grave clothes. How does Jesus use other people through this story while he performs a miracle?

Go Deeper

How does Lazarus' resurrection parallel Jesus' own resurrection? What was similar? What was different? Use tools like Blue Letter Bible, a Bible concordance, or a Bible dictionary to help find your answer.

Talk About It

- What are some areas in your life that Jesus needs to bring back to life?
- What are some ways that, as a Life Group, you can aid one another in taking off grave clothes?
- Have you ever watched what Jesus does in someone's life and asked, “Why doesn't he do that for me?” What are some ways he might be working in your life while you walk through the middle?
- What is keeping you from living the life Jesus has for you?

Wrap Up

Reminder: If you find yourself in the mess, keep going through the middle, because sometimes you have to go through the mess to get to the miracle.

Challenge: Find someone who is stuck in the mess this week. Walk alongside them through the middle. Give them encouragement, and help them remove their grave clothes.