



**Series:** Questions Jesus Asked

**Passage:** John 11:1-48 and John 5:16-29

**Title:** Questions Jesus Asked, Part 8

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**Discussion Starter** – The Bible testifies that your soul will continue to exist into eternity. We will continue to live, either in or out of God’s presence after our bodies pass. Considering this fact, what is the most important question a person can ask? Who might have the qualifications to provide an authoritative answer?

### **Read John 5: 16-29**

- 1) What authority does Jesus claim for Himself in verses 21-24?
- 2) What does Jesus say a person must do to pass from death into life? When does that transaction occur?
  - a) How comfortable are you in affirming that you “hear His word” and “believe in Him who sent Him”?
  - b) What actions or responses might be assumed to be included in that affirmation?

### **Read John 11:1-27**

- 3) Describe the background to the raising of Lazarus. Why was Jesus so far from Bethany? Why do you think He delay His coming? Describe the attitude of His disciples?
- 4) What was Jesus’ motive for allowing Lazarus to die? (verse 15)
- 5) How did Martha’s faith comfort her in the death of her brother Lazarus?
- 6) What faith was Martha able to confess to Jesus? (verses 21-22, 24, and 27)
- 7) What, if anything was lacking in her faith?
- 8) What amazing statement did Jesus make as a counter to her statement of belief in verse 25 and 26? Consider each of the 4 words, (Do you believe this?) and apply them to your own response to Jesus’ call to you.
  - c) **Do-** not: did, will, can, might... (what other possibilities did Jesus not use?)
  - d) How does Jesus make this personal by using the word “**You**” ?
  - e) Describe what it means to you to **Believe-** not: know, hope, wish, understand...
  - f) **This-** What specifically is Jesus asking you to believe more than what Martha had confessed?

### **Read John 11:28-48**

- 9) What promise does Jesus offer to believers in verse 40?
- 10) What are some of the different responses to this amazing miracle that are recorded? (verse 45-47)