

Living Reflectively

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Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should. Psalm 90:12 (LB)

A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha. ... ³So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, the one you love is very sick." John 11:1-3 (NLT)

So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, ⁶he stayed where he was for the next two days. John 11:5-6 (NLT)

When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days. ¹⁸Bethany was only a few miles down the road from Jerusalem, ¹⁹and many of the people had come to pay their respects and console Martha and Mary in their loss. ²⁰When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask." John 11:17-22 (NLT)

Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴"Yes," Martha said, "he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day." ²⁵Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. ... John 11:23-25 (NLT)

Then they came to the grave. It was a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. ³⁹"Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, said, "Lord, by now the smell will be terrible because he has been dead for four days." John 11:38-39 (NLT)

Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴And Lazarus came out, bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!" John 11:43-44 (NLT)

Lessons From Lazarus' Life:

1. I need to **R** ...

He personally carried away our sins in his own body on the cross so we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. You have been healed by his wounds!
1 Peter 2:24 (NLT)

2. I need to **R** ...

Six days before the Passover ceremonies began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead. ²A dinner was prepared in Jesus' honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him.
John 12:1–2 (NLT)

3. I need to **R** ...

When all the people heard of Jesus' arrival, they flocked to see him and also to see Lazarus, the man Jesus had raised from the dead. ¹⁰Then the leading priests decided to kill Lazarus, too.
John 12:9–10 (NLT)

Those in the crowd who had seen Jesus call Lazarus back to life were telling others all about it.
John 12:17 (NLT)

Because God's children are human beings, made of flesh and blood, Jesus also became flesh and blood. by being born in human form. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. ¹⁵Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.
Hebrews 2:14–15 (NLT)

Wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
2 Corinthians 3:17 (NLT)

He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.
2 Corinthians 5:15 (NLT)