

**I AM | Week 3 - I AM the resurrection and the life****Message Big Idea**

Jesus is the answer to our need for hope. He is the resurrection and the life.

**Scripture**

John 11:1-16, John 11:17-27 and John 11:28-44

**Points to Keep In Mind**

1. If you and your group haven't already, this week would be the ideal time to sign up for Community Daily as we will read through the entire Book of John together during this "I AM" series. Community Daily is a free resource created by our staff here at COMMUNITY that goes directly into your inbox once you sign up. It's a great way to start your day! You can sign up at [communitychristian.org/daily](http://communitychristian.org/daily)
2. In John 11:4, Jesus declared that Lazarus' sickness was for "the glory of God." Jesus knew that God would be powerfully glorified in the raising of Lazarus.
3. Lazarus' resurrection foreshadowed Jesus' resurrection. Both Lazarus and Jesus had been dead for some time (4 days for Lazarus and 3 for Jesus), and both were buried in tombs with stones across the entrance. However, Jesus' resurrection was something altogether different than Lazarus'. While Lazarus was called back to this life by Jesus, Jesus Himself was raised to everlasting life. Jesus would live forever, becoming our resurrection and life. Because Jesus passed from death to life, He makes our salvation and eternal life possible when we believe in Him.
4. This was the last miracle that Jesus performed before His arrest and crucifixion. Although the crowd did not realize it then, it was the last straw that convinced those in power that Jesus was too big of a threat and that He had to go. What Jesus says to Martha, He says to Mary, and He says to Lazarus, and He says to you and me: "I AM the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25)
5. Be sure to leave enough time at the end for the extended prayer time. You can choose to pray as a group, partner group members or huddle up in groups of 3-4 people. Encourage group members with Psalm 34:18.

**Additional Questions and Resources**

1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
3. Have you considered getting baptized? [communitychristian.org/baptism](http://communitychristian.org/baptism)
4. What have you been learning from the Community Daily? [communitychristian.org/daily](http://communitychristian.org/daily)
5. If someone is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: [communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/](http://communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/)
6. Find out more about having a YOU+ conversation by visiting: [youplus.info](http://youplus.info)
7. How have you been able to BLESS others recently? (B-begin with prayer, L-listen, E-eat, S-serve and S-share your story)