I am the Resurrection and the Life John 11:25

What prompted Jesus' claim to be the resurrection and the life? Jesus faces an emergency situation for a family very close to Jesus.

What was everyone expecting would happen in this emergency? What were Mary, Martha, and dying Lazarus expecting Jesus to do? What were the disciples expecting Jesus to do? What was Jesus expecting to do . . . and why?

How well do Martha and Mary respond to Jesus' inaction?How should we respond if the Lord does not quickly answer us?

How do Martha and Mary respond upon seeing Jesus arrive way too late to heal Lazarus, 11:21,32?

What was Jesus' reasoning for how He handled Lazarus' illness?

What does Martha reaffirm about Jesus and her theology in 11:22, 24,27, which is a good model for us?

What is the point of Jesus' claim to the resurrection and the life? See 5:21,25, 6:39,40. Believers won't experience a "final death," and thus 11:26, 3:16, 8:52, but our resurrection bodies are received later.

What must I decide in view of Jesus claim?

Note the contrasting options people took in 11:45ff., 12:17,18.

