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Unstuck!

John 11:1-3, 17-27, 32-45

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1 Corinthians 15:3 I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. 4 He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.... 20 But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.... 23 But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back. (NLT)

We long for resurrection life in the here and now.

Proverbs 5:22 Sinners are trapped and caught by their own evil deeds. (CEV)

Galatians 6:1 Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin... (NIV)

In life, all of us get caught and stuck in sin.
Can we be free?

Example of Resurrection Life: Lazarus (John 11)

I can live an unstuck life as I daily:

- **Realize that Jesus gives powerful resurrection life.**
(1-3, 17-27)

Ephesians 1:18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead... (NIV)

- **Respond to Jesus' call to resurrection life.** (32-44)

Romans 6:4 We were therefore buried with him...into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead...we too may live a new life. (NIV)

Philippians 3:10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. (NIV)

- **Remove the barriers to resurrection life.** (44-45)

Ephesians 4:22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. (NIV)

Galatians 6:1 Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently... (NIV)

James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed... (NIV)

John 11:45 Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. (NIV)

Comparing your spiritual life to the story of Lazarus, where are you?

- Still in the grave?
- Just being restored to life?
- Alive but still wrapped in grave clothes?
- Alive and free of grave clothes?

My Easter Hope: I can be unstuck and experience resurrection life.