

**Preparation Questions**  
**John 11: 1- 57**  
**“I am the Resurrection and the Life”**

**Opener:** Make a note of the various ways in which death is a problem for humanity? Why does it exist? What difference should it make to a person’s life if they truly believe that Jesus has power over death?

**Text 1:** We are now in a section of John’s Gospel (ch11-20) bracketed by Jesus’ resurrection of Lazarus and Jesus’ own resurrection. How do v4, v15 and v25-26 and v40-42 help us see what exactly we should learn from the sign of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead?

**Text 2:** Have a go at filling in the following table, where appropriate, by working through the text to see what we discover about A) God’s glory shown in Jesus and B) how it is Jesus wants his followers to move on in their belief in him.

What does the following reveal ...	A) ... about Jesus and his glory?	B) ... about how it is Jesus wants his followers to move on in their belief in him?
<p>The fact Lazarus is well known – v1 &amp; v 19</p> <p>Jesus loved Martha, Mary and Lazarus and was deeply angered and moved by his death – v3, v5 ,v33-36</p> <p>Jesus delays going to Lazarus – v6</p> <p>The extent/lack of Martha and Mary’s belief and Jesus’ response to them – v21-27, 32, 37 &amp; 39-40</p> <p>Lazarus’ resurrection– 38 – 44</p> <p>The reaction of the Jews - v47-48</p> <p>Caiaphas unwitting explanation - v50-53</p>		

**Sum up and apply:** How does this chapter give us more confidence that Jesus really is the Good Shepherd who said John 10.10 and John 10.28? How would we know put into our own words what Jesus means by v25-26? How are we often similar to Mary and Martha in our attitude to Jesus’ power? How has this passage personally expanded our view of Jesus and his power over death? What practical impact will this have on our lives?