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I Am the Resurrection and the Life,

John 11:17-27

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Introduction

- There's a lot of cliches that we're used to hearing at funerals...
 - I'm sure you've never heard someone say, "I am the resurrection..."
- Here is one of the great statements of Jesus, and it addresses the greatest problem in human life: death.

The Problem of Death

- Philosopher Luc Ferry said that every philosophy is essentially an attempt to deal with the problem of death.
 - Specifically, how does one face death? What is the good life in the face of this impending finality?
- **Point:** Jesus is the answer to the problem of death.

The Problem of Sin

- He has power over death and the authority to bring the dead back to life.
 - He gave Mary a confident promise (26). How can he back up that promise?
- Sin creates a problem. Our sin means that we deserve death.
 - God is just, and he cannot overlook sin. Therefore, he took the penalty upon himself.

- **Point:** Jesus accomplishes our salvation from death by his own death and resurrection.
 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. -- 1 John 1:9 (CSB)
 - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. -- Romans 6:23 (CSB)
- His resurrection is also proof that he is truly the answer to the problem of death.

The Problem of the Present

- **Point:** Jesus gives us new life in his resurrection.
 - The resurrection means that you are not bound by your past and that your present sufferings do not determine your future.