

Series: John's Portrait of Jesus

Text: John 11:1-37

Title: **'I Am the Resurrection and the Life'**

The raising of Lazarus is, on the way to the cross, the focal point of John's entire gospel. This is a moving and memorable story in itself, but it is much more. By raising Lazarus, Jesus not only pre-figures his own death and resurrection, but set in motion the events of his final Passion Week.

I. The Disciples' story (11:4-16): bewilderment and fear

II. Martha's story (11:20-28): revelation and confession

III. Mary's story (11:28-35): grief and consolation

IV. Lazarus' story (11:1-3; 34-44): resurrection and life

V. Jesus' story: 'I am the resurrection and the life'