

Gospel

John 11:17-27

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

On arriving at Bethany,  
Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already.  
Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem,  
and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary  
to sympathise with them over their brother.  
When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him.  
Mary remained sitting in the house.

Martha said to Jesus,  
'If you had been here, my brother would not have died,  
but I know that, even now,  
whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.'  
'Your brother,' said Jesus to her, 'will rise again.'  
Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection  
on the last day'.

Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.  
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,  
and whoever lives and believes in me  
will never die.  
Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said,  
'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,  
the one who was to come into this world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.