



## Introduction

We are using viral videos as a launching point to talk about what made Jesus famous during his ministry and what might happen to make him famous again. Sometimes we think we know what's going on in a video, only to be surprised. It's also like that in our relationship with God sometimes.

## Discussion Questions

1. Can you tell of a time where you believed you knew what was going on, only to realize it wasn't what you thought?
2. Read John 11:1-16 Because we know the story, we know that Lazarus died. Why were the disciples confused about that? Why were they reluctant to go to where Lazarus was? Does the statement by Thomas in vs 16 sound like the Thomas you may have imagined?
3. Read John 11:17-44 Why would Jesus wait so long to go to Lazarus? What does the reactions of Mary and Martha tell you about what they think about Jesus? Why do you think Jesus weeps or why is that important?
4. In verses 25-26 Jesus claims to be the resurrection and the life. This is before he went to the cross. What did he mean? How can you live even though you die?
5. Read John 11:45-50 Why are there such varied reactions to what Jesus did in raising Lazarus? What are the Pharisees afraid of?
6. Can you think of a time where God did not do what you thought He could or should do? How do you go forward? What is the difference between faith and doubt?
7. What things did Martha say she believed about Jesus? How did that belief help her take the next step? What is a step that God might be leading you to take even though you don't fully understand?

**Shaping Your Mind** –*But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31*

**Moving Forward** – Faith is not the absence of doubt; it is trusting what you've seen enough to take another step.