

Jesus said to Martha, *I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will have life even if they die. And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?* Martha answered, *Yes Lord. I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the One coming to the world.* (John 11:25-27 NCV)

Jesus cried. So the Jews said, *see how much He loved him.* (John 11:35-36 NCV) Jesus puts His arm around His friends, Mary and Martha, and sobs because their brother and His friend, Lazarus, had died. He weeps with them. He weeps for them because He loves them. Then He raised Lazarus from the dead.

Jesus weeps with you. He weeps for you when you are hurting because He loves you. He understands, cares and can help like no one else. God hears our heart cries. *I cry out to God; I call to God, and He will hear me.* (Psalm 77:1)

Listen to the following words written by Max Lucado in *The Great House of God* as they speak to your heart this Lenten/Easter season:

*When [a friend] told Jesus of the illness [of Lazarus] he said, "Lord, the one you love is sick" He doesn't base his appeal on the imperfect love of the one in need, but on the perfect love of the Savior. He doesn't say, "The one who loves you is sick." He says, "the one you love is sick." The power of the prayer, in other words, does not depend on the one who makes the prayer, but on the one who hears the prayer.*

*We can and must repeat the phrase in manifold ways. "The one you love is tired, sad, hungry, lonely, fearful, depressed." The words of the prayer vary, but the response never changes. The Savior hears the prayer. He silences heaven, so he won't miss a word. He hears the prayer.*

I pray God will bless us in all we are for our Lord Jesus!  
Praying for you and with you.

*Have a very blessed Easter! Pastor Glenn Weber*

