

I am the resurrection and the life.**† A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home.

Martha said to Jesus,
“Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.

But even now I know whatever you ask of God, God will give you.

Jesus said to her,
“Your brother will rise.”

Martha said to him,
“I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus told her,
“I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes, Lord.

I have come to believe that you are Christ, the Son of God,
the one who is coming into the Word.”

The Gospel of the Lord.