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## I am the Resurrection and the Life

**O**n this last Sunday before Holy Week the Church meditates on the dramatic story of the resurrection of Lazarus the friend of Jesus. The first thing we note in the story is that Jesus, upon learning of the illness of Lazarus, stayed where He was for two more days. He could have healed him "long distance", as He had done in other cases. He could have arrived on time to heal Him in his home but instead opted to allow him to die and to be buried for four days before Jesus arrived at Bethany. The sisters of Lazarus were scandalized and discouraged by this: both recriminate Jesus by saying if He had been there their brother would not have died.



Why did Jesus do this? Sickness, death and all other misfortunes in life are the result of original sin. God did not will death, but death came into the world through sin. Jesus also did not desire death, but as His weeping reveals, suffered the loss of His loved ones as do we. Jesus allows these things

to happen to bring forth something greater from it. In the case of Lazarus, Jesus tells us "this is for the glory of God, that the Son of God be glorified through it". God can transform even the worst evil into something good for mankind. This is one of the lessons of the cross. It requires a great deal of trust in God through faith to believe, in moments of tragedy, that God can bring a greater good out of it. Jesus demands this faith from the sisters of Lazarus in the Gospel today: "whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and (Continued on the next page)

