

SERMON NOTES

5th Sunday in Lent, Year A * March 22, 2026

Sermon by the Reverend Tim Wetherington

Ezekiel 37:1-14 * Psalm 130 * Romans 8:6-11 * John 11:1-45

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, small group, or friend

1. When Jesus hears his friend Lazarus is sick, he doesn't immediately go to help him, and he arrives 4 days after Lazarus dies. Tell about a time you felt God showed up late and didn't do what you'd hoped he would. How has that event affected your relationship with God?
2. Lazarus' sister Martha says, "If you'd been here, my brother wouldn't have died," and Jesus responds, "I am the resurrection and the life. All who believe in me will never die." Do you believe that? Why or why not? And how does your belief or unbelief affect your feelings about death – especially your death?
3. Jesus brings Lazarus back to life. How have you seen Jesus give new life to someone in your life?
4. How has Jesus given you new life in your life?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God the new life you seen in yourself and others
 - ✦ For grace to believe – and to live like we believe – we will never die.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.

Next Week's Lessons

Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-9a * Psalm 31 * Philippians 5:5-11 * Matthew 26:14-27:66