

Jesus Taught Us Compassion  
Lazarus's Resurrection, John 11:1-45

In reading the story of Lazarus I am reminded of the premature death of my brother, Albert, to cancer two years ago. I, too, like Martha and Mary, Lazarus's sisters, wanted Jesus to save him and in the most essential way my brother Albert was saved. Before he died, he acknowledged that the Lord was his Savior and God. In verse 25-26 Jesus tells Martha: "I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life; and whoever is alive and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Jesus is asking each one of us as the faithful to believe in His resurrection. As a member of the University of the Incarnate Word community I try to demonstrate through my interactions with students, staff, faculty, and families how I encounter the glory of God. We are God's disciples and the most important manifestations of His glory are how we treat one another. Jesus cried with Martha and Mary to teach us to console each other in times of loss and sorrow.

I pray during this Lenten season that we as the Incarnate Word community embrace the examples of Jesus. We show this not only by caring for one another but accompanying each other in our times of difficulty to create a more compassionate University environment.

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