

**Title:** If the Son set us free  
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## The truth will set us free

**John 8:31-33** <sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

**John 8:34-36** <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

## A man was ill

**John 11:1** Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

## Jesus loves us

**John 11:5** <sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

## LORD why did You allow this to happen?

**John 11:21-24** <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

## Jesus bring restoration

**John 11:25-27** <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

## Jesus weeps with our pain

**John 11:32-35** <sup>32</sup> Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said, "Where have you laid him?" <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.

## Expose the darkness

**John 11:38-39** <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been 4 four days."

**Ephesians 5:11-14** <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light

## Trust that God is good

**John 11:40** Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

## The season to be set free

**John 11:43** he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

**1 John 1:5-9** <sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that **God is light**, and **in him is no darkness at all.** <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> **But if we walk in the light**, as he is in the light, **we have fellowship with one another**, and **the blood** of Jesus his Son **cleanses us from all sin.** <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we **confess** our **sins**, he is **faithful** and **just** to **forgive** us our sins and to **cleanse us** from **all unrighteousness.**