

Resurrection Season

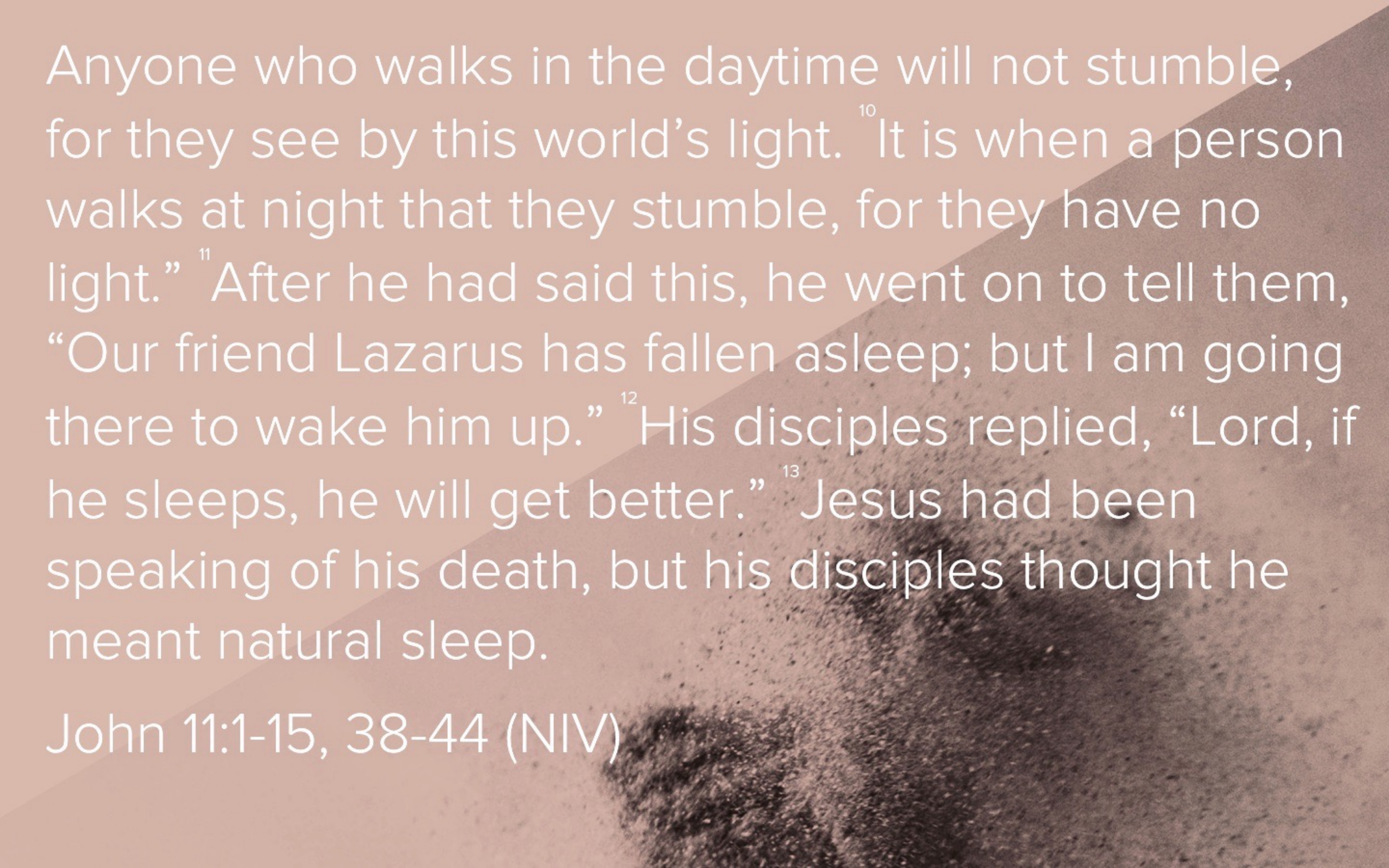
WHEN DEAD THINGS
COME BACK TO LIFE

¹Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.
²(This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.”
⁴When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.”

John 11:1-15, 38-44 (NIV)

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, ⁷and then he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.” ⁸“But Rabbi,” they said, “a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?” ⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight?”

John 11:1-15, 38-44 (NIV)



Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light.¹⁰ It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.”¹¹ After he had said this, he went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.”¹² His disciples replied, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.”¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

John 11:1-15, 38-44 (NIV)

¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead,”¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.³⁹ “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

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⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

John 11:1-15, 38-44 (NIV)

⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

John 11:1-15, 38-44 (NIV)



God's Word is Irrevocable

⁴When he heard this, Jesus said, “**This sickness will not end in death.** No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.”

John 11:4 (NIV)







Delays Are Not Denials

⁶So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, **he stayed where he was for two more days.** ⁷On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

John 11:6-7 (NIV)

Believe Before the Miracle

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John 11:38-44 (NIV)