**“Wait… Did Jesus really say that we wouldn’t die?”**

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**Text:** John 11:17-27

**Introduction**

1. **Jesus doesn’t appear to be acting like a very good friend.**
   1. What do we know about the story?
   2. But then Jesus says a couple things for which they have NO context…
      1. “I am the resurrection and the life!”
      2. “Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die!”
   3. Then Jesus asks this question… “Do you believe this?
2. **Jesus is teaching them lessons bigger than THIS life.**

*“You are an unceasing spiritual being*

*with an eternal destiny in God’s great universe.”*

*-Dallas Willard*

* 1. Jesus tells us what this whole event is all about…
  2. But the message of Jesus is that there’s something new coming.
  3. Life is knowing Christ… and this present life is just part of the whole picture… John 17:1-3

1. **Jesus wants us to grab onto the adventure of real life.** 
   1. Paul writes in Philippians 3:20… “But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ…”
      1. E. Peterson paraphrases: The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting is on the way out—but whoever does what God wants is set for eternity.
2. **Conclusion**

**Questions for Reflection:**

1. “Do we believe that there is genuinely such a thing as eternal life?
2. Are you holding on to life here and now, in part because you’re not sure that there’s anything else after this…
3. Jesus says there’s more adventure coming… and what’s coming is the best part!