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Do you really believe?

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Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother [Lazarus, who had died]. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and anyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." (Mt 13,44-46)

The resurrection of Lazarus is a sign performed by Jesus to confirm the faith of the disciples, represented by his sister Martha. Take five minutes to meditate on Martha's sincere and unconditional faith in the Saviour of the world so as to ask yourself if you really believe in eternal life and the resurrection of bodies.