

Lent 5A - 2026

"Look, He's Moving"

Three friends were discussing death and one of them asked: "What would you like people to say about you at your funeral?"

The first of the friends said: I would like them to say, he was a great humanitarian, who cared about his community.

The second said: He was a great husband and father, who was an example for many to follow," said another.

The third friend said, I would like them to say, "Look, he's moving!!!"

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After an atheist died, a friend looked at him in the casket, shook his head, and remarked: "All dressed up and no place to go."

A sign of resurrection:

As Vice President, George H.W. Bush represented the U.S. at the funeral of former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev (November, 1982). Bush was deeply moved by a silent protest carried out by Brezhnev's widow. She stood motionless by the coffin until seconds before it was closed. Then, just as the soldiers touched the lid, Brezhnev's wife performed an act of great courage and hope, a gesture that must surely rank as one of the most profound acts of civil disobedience ever committed in Communist Russia: she made the sign of the cross on her husband's chest.

There in the citadel of secular, atheistic power, the wife of the man who had run it all made a gesture suggesting that her husband had been wrong. She hoped that there was another way of life - a life best represented by Jesus who died on the cross, and that this same Jesus might yet have mercy on her husband and raise him up on the Day of the Judgment.

In today's Gospel, Martha expresses her Faith in Jesus' assurance that her brother would rise. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

Daylight Lasts Longer

There is a couple in Arkansas who have given their six-year-old son strict instructions to come home from playing every afternoon no later than 5 p.m. He is allowed to play with his friends, but his parents are quite serious about his curfew. If he is not home by 5 p.m., they begin to worry and call around the neighborhood to find out where he is. The boy knows this, though, and is careful to arrive every day on time.

One March Monday, however, the day after Daylight Saving Time went into effect, the boy was late coming home. When he finally arrived, a few minutes before 6 p.m., his mother scolded him for being late. "You know you are to be home by five," she said, "and here it is nearly six."

Puzzled, the little boy pointed out the window. "But the light," he protested, "the light; it's the light that tells me when to come home."

Realizing what had happened, his mother smiled and gently explained that the day before the time had been changed, that everyone had reset their clocks and, now, the daylight lasted longer. The boy's eyes narrowed. "Does God know about this?" he asked suspiciously.

In a childlike way, this little boy shared John's theological vision. Martha, Jesus wants you to know that with God daylight last longer than death. (Adapted from Thomas G. Long, *When Jesus Arrives Late* from *Whispering the Lyrics*, CSS Publishing Company)