We were told in grade school that verbs are action words.

Jesus is very active in today's Gospel reading,

- Jesus remained where he was for two more days.
- Jesus wept.
- Jesus says, “take the stone away untie him and let him go.”

Martha says, “if you have been here my brother would not have died.”
Jesus responds, “your brother will rise.”
Martha, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.”

Catechism answer — more from the head than from the heart.
Gold star on the forehead answer.
Not really a very satisfying answer.

Imagine the scene looking like this:
Jesus gently cups Martha's face in his hands, looks into her eyes and says,
"Martha, I am the resurrection and the life."

Not "I was" or "I will be" but,
I AM, at this moment . . . now.

This gives new meaning to the words at the beginning of John's Gospel,
"AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH."

This is, in the deepest sense, a matter of the HEART rather than the head.
"Can you . . . do you . . . believe this?"

"I mean to bring life out of every death-filled situation."

In a world weighed down with murders, wars, suicide, addiction, abortion, starvation, unsafe workplaces, discrimination, pollution ... "Did I not assure you that if you believe you will see the glory of God."

1st Reading
"I will put my spirit in you, and you will live."

2nd Reading
"The Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you."

Believing in Jesus, walking with him, with more trust than understanding, is the journey of discipleship, the path of living in the light of Christ,
who is our resurrection and life.