

## **I AM: The Resurrection & the Life**

John 11:20-27 4/01/2018

### **Today, we celebrate the Life, Death, & Resurrection of Jesus Christ**

*<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. -Hebrews 2:14-15*

- In His Life, He identified with us to accomplish all righteousness
- In His Death, He substituted for us to absorb all wrath
- In His Resurrection, He rose before us to assure us of all freedom
- Ask the Lord to open our hearts to know the power of His Resurrection

### **This is who I AM: I Am the Resurrection & the Life: John 10:20-21**

- Jesus' friend Lazarus had fallen ill. A message was sent to Jesus.
- Jesus delayed, saying the sickness would not end in death but glory
- Jesus arrives after Lazarus has been in the tomb for 4 days.
- The interaction w/ Martha helps us understand Christ & what He gives

-Martha knows Jesus' presence would have affected the past (v. 20-22)

*<sup>20</sup> Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary stayed at the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."*

- Recognizing Christ's power and authority to restore physical life
  - Jesus miraculously heals & restored life for those who ask in faith
  - Martha is confident that Jesus is a healer & has the ear of God

-Martha knows Jesus' promise has secured the future (v.23-24)

*<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha \*said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."*

- Recognizing Christ's power and authority to forgive sin
  - There is a coming Resurrection (John 5:24-29)
    - Righteous raised from the grave to eternal life
    - Unrighteous raised from the grave to eternal death
  - Martha is confident that Jesus has secured Lazarus' future

-Martha needs to believe Jesus' purpose resurrection & life NOW (v. 25-27)

*<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world."*

- There is Spiritual life in Christ that transcends physical & spiritual death
  - In Christ, the physical body will be raised incorruptible

- In Christ, spiritual life is given that is indestructible
- This is a Present Tense Spiritual life that is received now by faith
- Martha is convinced that Jesus is the Christ, Son of God
  - Martha states definitively "I have believed"
  - Martha hasn't realized the scope of the resurrection & life offered
    - The resurrection and life is with her now

*<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"*

*<sup>11</sup> And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup> He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.*

**-1 John 5:11-12**

### **-Do you believe this?**