
“I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE”

JOHN 11:20-44

20 When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house. 21 Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask.”

23 Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise again.”

24 “Yes,” Martha said, “he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day.”

25 Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. 26 Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?”

27 “Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God.” 28 Then she returned to Mary. She called Mary aside from the mourners and told her, “The Teacher is here and wants to see you.” 29 So Mary immediately went to him.

30 Jesus had stayed outside the village, at the place where Martha met him. 31 When the people who were at the house consoling Mary saw her leave so hastily, they assumed she was going to Lazarus’s grave to weep. So they followed her there. 32 When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

33 When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled. 34 “Where have you put him?” he asked them.

They told him, “Lord, come and see.” 35 Then Jesus wept. 36 The people who were standing nearby said, “See how much he loved him!” 37 But some said, “This man healed a blind man. Couldn’t he have kept Lazarus from dying?”

38 Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. 39 “Roll the stone aside,” Jesus told them.

But Martha, the dead man’s sister, protested, “Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible.”

40 Jesus responded, “Didn’t I tell you that you would see God’s glory if you believe?” 41 So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. 42 You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me.” 43 Then Jesus shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” 44 And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in grave clothes, his face wrapped in a head cloth. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him go!”

1. "I AM THE RESURRECTION & THE LIFE."

RESURRECTION IS A _____! LIFE IS A _____!
THAT PERSON IS _____.

2. "ANYONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL LIVE, EVEN AFTER DYING."

PHYSICAL DEATH IS NOT A _____;
IT'S SIMPLY A _____.

3. "EVERYONE WHO LIVES IN ME AND BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER DIE."

ETERNAL LIFE IN HIM BEGINS _____ AND
CONTINUES STRAIGHT THROUGH THE _____.

4. "DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?"

JESUS ISN'T ASKING MARTHA IF SHE _____ -
HE IS ASKING IF SHE _____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Jesus doesn't say resurrection is something he *does* - he says it's who he *is*. How does it change the way you think about life, hope, or healing to see resurrection as a *person* you're connected to, rather than an event you're waiting for?
- Jesus says that those who believe in him will live even after dying. This means that *physical death is a doorway, not a dead end*. What difference does this promise make in how you face death - whether the death of someone you love, or your own someday?
- Jesus says that everyone who lives in him and believes in him will never die, meaning that *eternal life begins now and carries straight through the grave*. How do your daily choices & perspectives shift when you truly believe eternal life with Jesus has already begun?
- *Jesus isn't asking Martha if she understands - he is asking if she trusts him*. What helps you trust Jesus as the source of life when you're facing uncertainty, fear, suffering, or grief? Where does that trust feel strong for you right now, and where does it feel fragile?