

NEXT WEEK

I am the door of the sheep and good shephard
John 10:1-18

Bread

- of life (Jn 6:35, 48)
- which came down
from heaven
(Jn 6:41, 51)

Light

of the world
(Jn 8:12; 9:5)

Door

(Jn 10:9)
of the sheep
(Jn 10:7)

Good

Shepherd
(Jn 10:11, 14)

Before (Jn 8:58)
Abraham was

**Resurrection
and Life**

(Jn 11:25)

I AM

**the Way,
the Truth,
and the Life**

(Jn 14:6)

Vine

(Jn 15:1, 5)

I AM

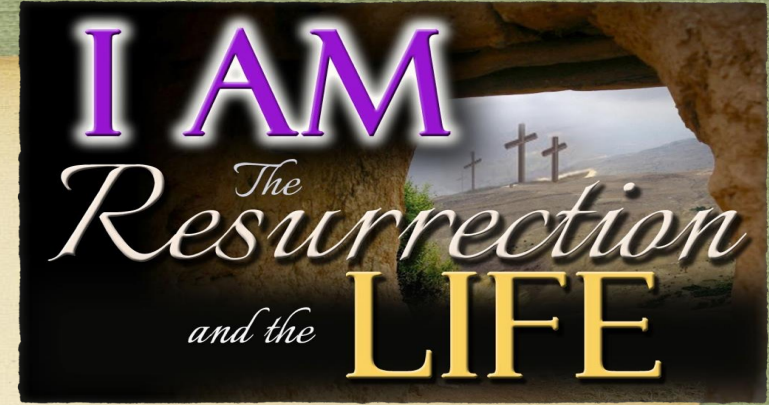
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Resurrection

and the

LIFE

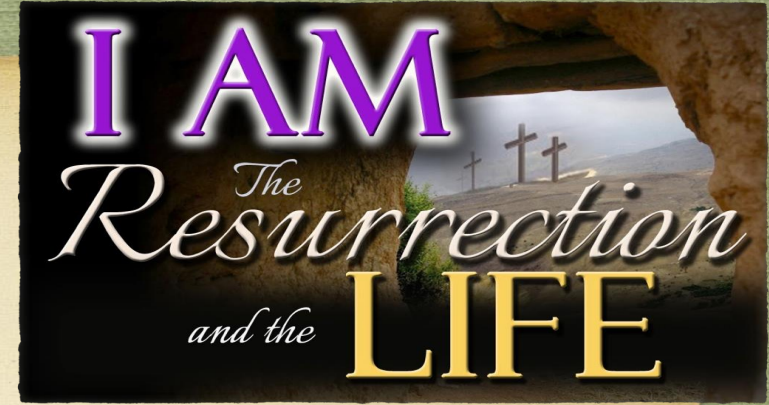
Resurrection not just a NT concept?

- Resurrection was mentioned in OT
- Job 14:12-15; 19:25-27; Psm 16:9-10; 17:15; 21:4; 49:15; 121:8; 133:3; Isa 25:8; 26:19; Dan 12:2-3, 13; Hosea 13:14
- It was a common belief of the Jews – in several of the inter-testament writing (2 Macc; Wisdom of Solomon)
- Issue was debated by the Pharisees and Sadducees (Matt 22:23-32; Acts 23:6, 8; 24:14-15; 26:6-8)



Where are we in the life of Jesus?

- Jesus had mentioned he would raise believed up (John 5:28-29; 6:40)
- Near the end of Jesus public ministry
- Jesus confronts leaders in Temple
- After the feast of the dedication
 - (Winter - Now called Hanukkah or Festival of lights)
- Before the Passover
- Jews wanted to stone him because of blasphemy
- Jews attempted to arrest Jesus – he escaped
- Jesus went away – across the Jordan



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IN THE TIME OF JESUS

River
Jordan

Jesus
is teaching
in this
area

Bethany

Jerusalem

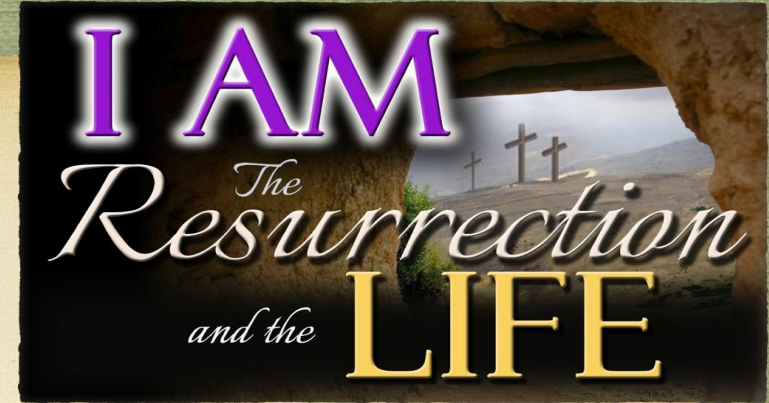
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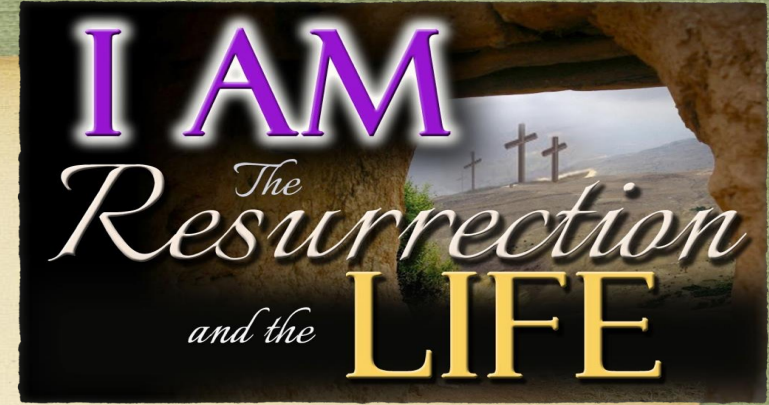
Where are we in the life of Jesus?

- Jesus gets word that Lazarus is sick
- Delays his going to Bethany
- Jesus said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”
- Jesus delays trip for 2 days – then goes to Bethany
- Disciples warn Jesus that Jews want to kill him
- Tells disciples Lazarus is dead – for your sake I am going, that you may believe
- Thomas says, “let us also go, that we may die with Him”



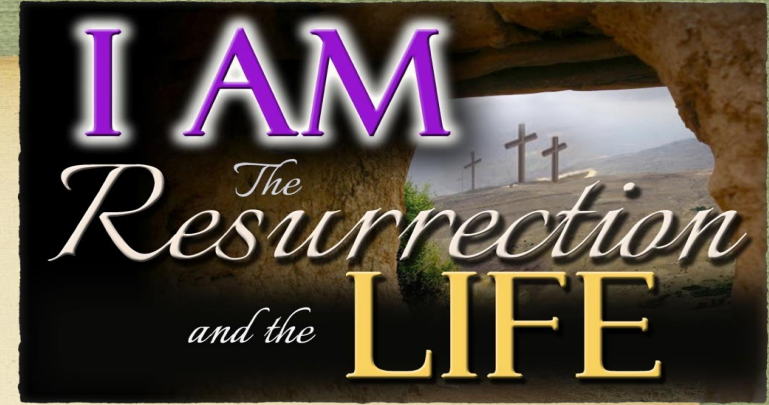
Read John 11:17-27

- How long had Lazarus been dead?
- What did Martha say to Jesus? Why?
- Does Martha think Jesus will raise Lazarus from dead?
 - Says he will raise again “on the last day”
 - v39 – “there will be an odor”
- Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.”
- “Do you believe this?”
- How does Martha reply?
- What “sign” would confirm Jesus’ statement?



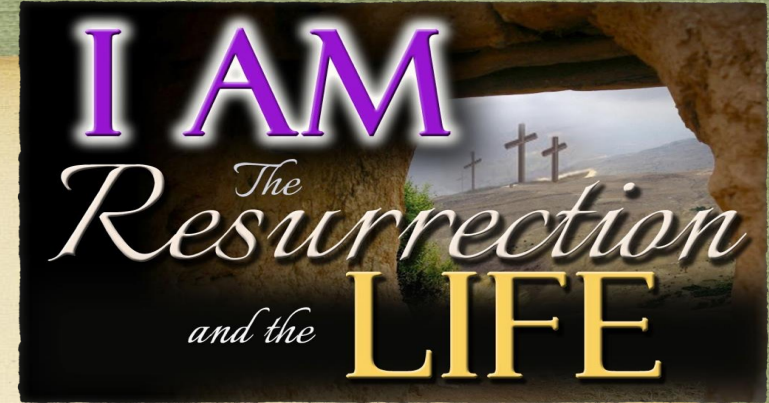
What is the problem all men must face?

- Death – Lazarus is dead
- This is the problem for all mankind
- Ecc 3:19-20 -
- For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity. ²⁰ All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return.



Why is there death?

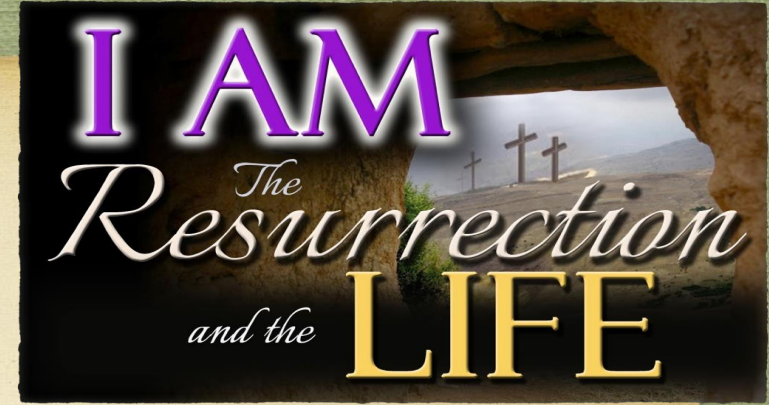
- Mankind's sin
- Rom 5:12 -
- Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—
- Death is the penalty for sin – that Jesus came to solve
- Rom 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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Jesus did NOT say:

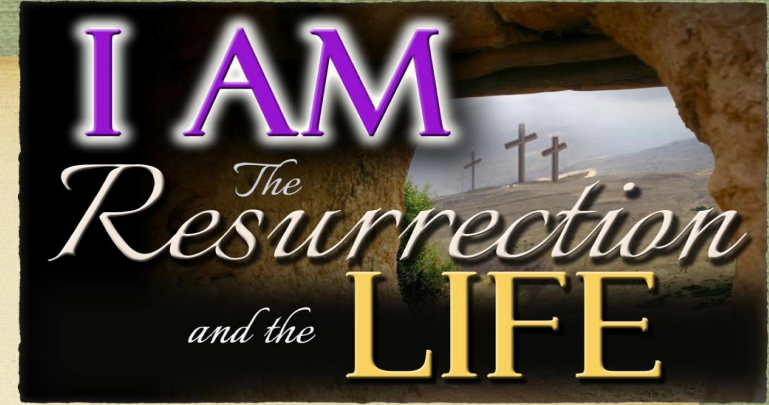
- I can make the resurrection of Lazarus happen
 - Not the agent of resurrection
- If you have enough faith Lazarus can be raised from dead
 - As if resurrection is dependent on faith of sisters
- Whoever believes in Jesus will not die – spiritually
- This life will transcend physical death



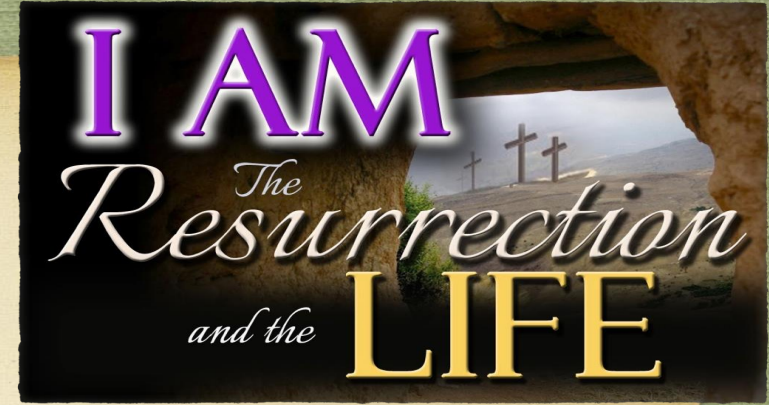
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Jesus said:

- I AM the resurrection and the life
 - Jesus holds the key to life beyond the grave
 - He is the One that possess the power of life and death
 - True life (both here and beyond the gave) if found only in Jesus
 - The power of life only resides with God alone
 - Jesus is one again declaring Himself to be GOD!

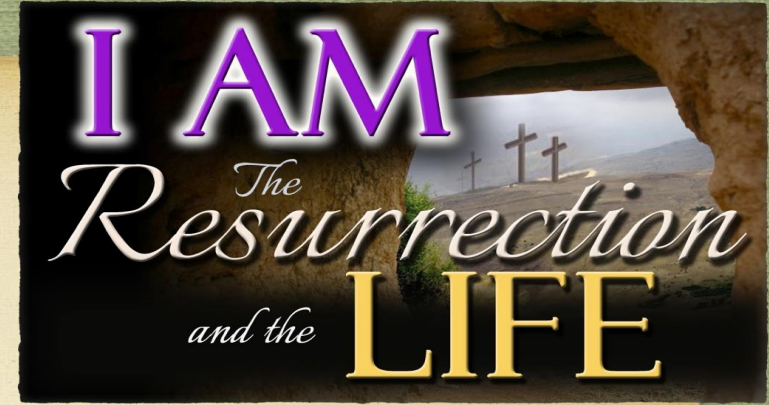


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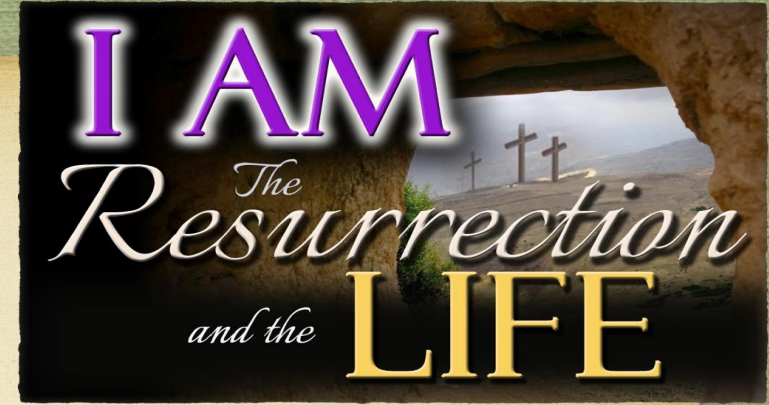
- Jesus' promise of resurrection is conditional
- Not everyone will live in heaven after they die
- Promised to those who believe in Him
- Implication:
 - those who do not live and believe in Jesus will NOT live in this promise

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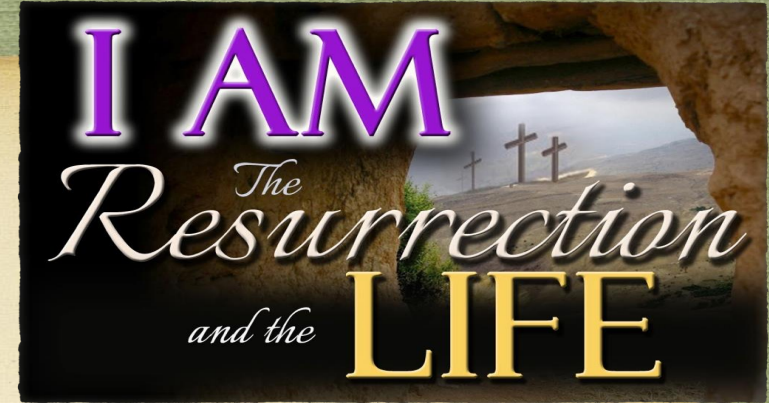
- This is not simple belief (“I believe in Santa Claus”)
- This is a deep conviction based on truth that results in a change of orientation
- Confidence in Jesus needs to be so great that it causes us to “change our life”
- What is an example of change of life?
 - Peter and the apostles
 - Paul

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- “They will live even though they die”
- Not saying every believer who dies will not need to be buried
- They will be alive in 2 different ways:
 - Every one of them was a sinner and we will no longer be dead in their sins (Eph 3:5)
 - Physical death is not the end – those that trust in Jesus can be sure of eternal life beyond the grave

Jesus' proclaims: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,



- Resurrection is a foundation of our faith.
- Preached by Peter on Pentecost Acts 2:30-39

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses

- Apostles gave witness to it Acts 4:33

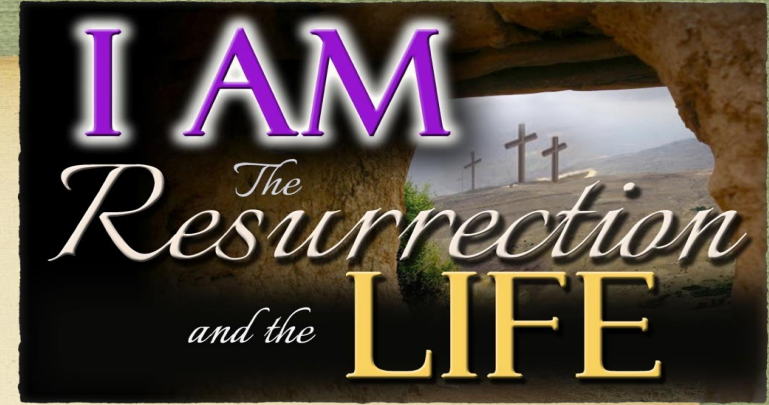
And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,

- Paul wrote of it's importance Phil 3:7-11

that I may know him and the power of his resurrection,

Paul teaches - that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

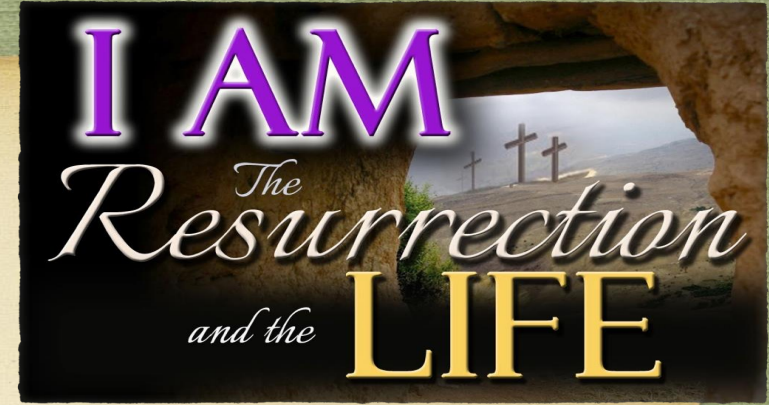
- ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. - 1 Cor 15:3-4;20-21
- What is the firstfruits?
 - The beginning of the harvest – usually offered as a sacrifice



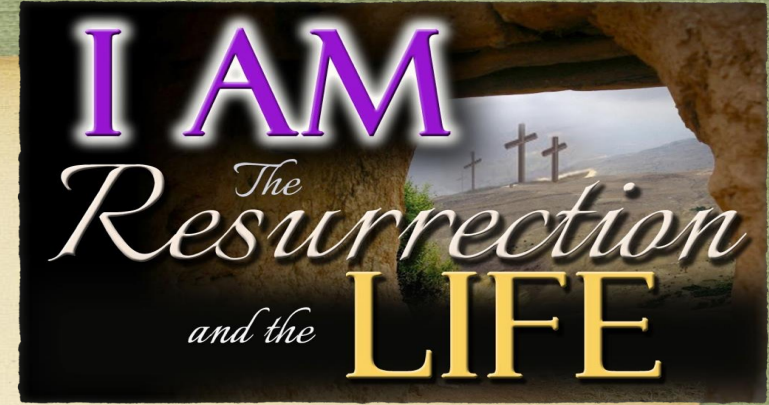
Why is Jesus resurrection so important to our faith? – Hope that changes us (12-19)

If there is no resurrection of the dead:

1. Jesus did not raise from the dead.
2. Teaching people about Jesus is pointless.
3. Our faith in Jesus has no substance.
4. The apostles and all those who witnessed the risen Jesus are liars.
5. We are still condemned in our sins.
6. Those who died in Christ have perished.
7. We should be pitied for believing what we have believed.



Paul concluded 1 Cor 15 with these thoughts (v56-58):

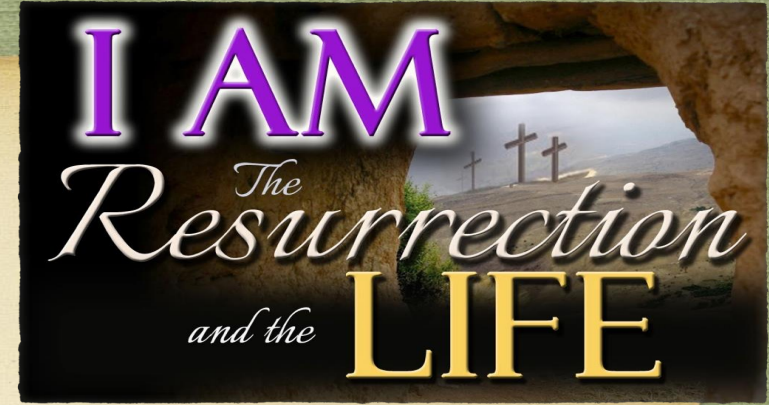


The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Paul wrote about his hope – Phil 3:1;8-11
Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord....
For his sake I have suffered the loss of all
things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain
Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of
my own that comes from the law, but that which comes
through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that
depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of
his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like
him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain
the resurrection from the dead.



Sean's Thoughts -

My first thought is that Jesus knew what Martha really wanted. She also acknowledged his power saying if he had been there he could have prevented it.

Jesus' statement doesn't just apply to his friend. Anyone who truly believes can be saved. It's important to realize that Jesus doesn't just mean physically, he means spiritually. It may not fix your physical maladies, but he can save your soul (which is much more important).



Sean's Thoughts (2) -

At the end after Jesus asks do you believe this, Martha answers yes but shows her faith further by answering the subtext of his question by stating that he is the Christ and Son of God.



Two final observations about Jesus' declaration:

Jesus asked Martha "Do you believe this?"

- Faith in Jesus is really shown in how we live our lives, trusting in Him, even in hard times

If we believe these words of Jesus, our perspective on all of life will change (causing us to change our life)

- It will change the way we approach life
- Delays, frustrations and disappointments of life are allowed by God for a good purpose – even if we don't see it

