

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

John 11:25-26

INTRODUCTION

- A. Miracles and the “I Am” of Christ.
 - 1. 5000 fed, *“I am the bread of life.”*
 - 2. Blind man made to see, *“I am the light of the world.”*
- B. Resurrection of Lazarus.
 - 1. The last and greatest sign recorded by John.
 - 2. *“I am the resurrection and the life.”*

I. NOTIFICATION OF DEATH OF LAZARUS.

- A. Mary, Martha and Lazarus, vss. 1-5.
 - 1. The sisters send a messenger to Jesus telling of Lazarus being sick, vs. 3.
 - a. Jesus was about a day’s journey from Bethany.
 - 2. *“Lord, behold (see or listen), the one you love is ill.”*
 - 3. The Lord explains to the apostles that the illness does not lead to death, vs. 4.
 - a. *“It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified.”*
 - b. The glory of God, same with blind man healed, Jn. 9:3, 24.
 - c. Lazarus’ resurrection – for the Son of God to be glorified.
- B. Jesus and the Apostles, vss. 6-16.
 - 1. Jesus remains where He is for another two days.
 - 2. When He decides to go to Bethany, the disciples are concerned (10:31), vs. 8.
 - 3. Jesus explains 12 hours in a day, vss. 9-10.
 - a. My time on earth is fixed, God’s plan, God’s will.
 - b. Walk in the light of this plan and you won’t stumble.
 - 4. *“Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, I go to awaken him,”* vs. 11.
 - 5. ***Death is what we can look forward to.***
 - a. Ps. 116:15, *“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones.”*
 - b. Phil. 1:21, 23
 - c. 2 Cor. 5:1-5

II. ARRIVAL AT THE HOME OF MARTHA AND MARY.

- A. Jesus’ Visit with Martha, vss. 17-27.
 - 1. Lazarus has been in the tomb four days, vs. 17.
 - 2. Many Jews had come from Jerusalem to console Martha and Mary.
 - a. Perhaps some were antagonistic toward Christ.
 - b. Perhaps the reason to meet with Martha away from the house.
 - 3. *“Lord, if you had been here...,”* vss. 21-22.
 - a. Jesus says, *“Your brother will rise again.”*
 - b. Martha, *“I know that he will rise on the last day.”*
 - 4. ***“I am the resurrection and the life,”*** vss. 25-26.
 - a. ***“He who believes (abidingly) in Me, though he die (physically), yet shall he live (eternal life).***
 - i. This is an abiding trust and confidence.
 - ii. It is ongoing, not a “one time” faith, Jn. 3:16.

- b. **“Everyone who lives (spiritually) and believes (abidingly) in Me, shall never die (never be separated soul and body from the presence of God).”**
 - c. Because He lives, we shall live, 1 Cor. 15:16-19; 2 Cor. 4:16.
 - i. This is a life related to the life of God, 2 Pet. 1:4.
 - ii. We have this life when we are “in Christ,” Jn. 1:12, 13; 3:3, 5.
 - 5. Martha’s great confession, vs. 27.
 - a. John the Baptist, the lamb of God, Jn. 1:29.
 - b. Andrew, we have found the Messiah, Jn. 1:41.
 - c. Philip, Jn. 1:45.
 - d. Nathaniel, You are the Son of God, You are the King of Israel, Jn. 1:49.
 - e. The Samaritans, this One is indeed the Savior of the world, Jn. 4:42.
 - f. Simon Peter, words of eternal life, Jn. 6:68 (Mt. 16:16).
 - g. **The same confession we must make, Rom. 10:9; Phil. 2:9-11.**
- B. Jesus’ Visit with Mary, vss. 28-37.
- 1. Martha tells Mary that Jesus wants to see her.
 - 2. Mary goes to Jesus and the crowd follows.
 - 3. *“Lord, if you had been here...,”* vs. 32.
 - 4. **Jesus is greatly moved and troubled (angered?) at the scene of Mary and the others.**
 - a. **Perhaps, anger at sin and what it has done to the world.**
 - b. **Heb. 4:15, high priest...**

III. JESUS RAISES LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD.

- A. Jesus Raises Lazarus, vss. 38-44.
 - 1. Jesus has the stone removed from the tomb.
 - 2. Martha objects because of the obvious stench.
 - 3. Jesus restates earlier comments, *“...you will see the glory of God?”*, vs. 40.
 - 4. Jesus prays to the Father, vss. 41-42.
 - 5. Calls for Lazarus, vs. 43.
 - 6. *“Unbind him and let him go,”* vs. 44.
 - 7. **As it will be when He comes again, 1 Thess. 4:13-17.**
- B. **Response [two] of the People.**
 - 1. **Many believed in Him, vs. 45 (Jn. 6:68-69).**
 - 2. **Out of fear of losing their place and their nation, the Pharisees and chief priests begin plans to kill Him, vss. 46-53 (Jn. 6:66).**
 - 3. Do you believe?