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I Am the Resurrection and the Life

John 11:17-27

I. The Difficulty of the Situation (vv. 17-19)

- A. The _____ of being dead for four days (v. 17)
[Jn. 11:3, 6, 14-15, 39; Eph. 3:20]
- B. The _____ offered by the friends of the family
(vv. 18-19) [Matt. 21:17; 26:6; Mk. 11:1; Jn. 12:1; 2 Cor. 1:3-7]

II. The Authenticity of Martha's Faith (vv. 20-24)

- A. The _____ of Martha and Mary (v. 20)
[1 Cor. 12:4-7]
- B. The _____ and _____ of
Martha's belief (vv. 21-22) [Ex. 16:3; Phil. 2:14; Matt. 7:37]
- C. The _____ of the final resurrection
(vv. 23-24) [Job 19:25-27; Psa. 16:10; Dan. 12:2]

III. The Profundity of Jesus' I AM Statement (vv. 25-26)

- A. You must come to the _____ of Jesus Christ (v. 25a)
[Phil. 3:8-11; Jn. 1:4; 1 Jn. 5:12]
- B. You must come _____ in life over death
(vv. 25b-26a) [Jn. 20:31]
- C. You must come as an _____ not as a family
(v. 26b) [Rom. 6:5]

IV. The Divinity of this Friend We Call Jesus (v. 27)

- A. Jesus is _____ (v. 27a) [Phil. 2:9-11]
- B. Jesus is the _____ (v. 27b) [Dan. 9:25; Rev. 19:11-16]
- C. Jesus is the _____ of God (v. 27c) [Jn. 3:16-18]
- D. Jesus is the _____ One (v. 27d) [Isa. 9:6; Mic. 5:2]

TAKE HOME

- Do you find more consolation in the products of this world or in the _____ of Christ?
- Is your faith _____ and completely trusting in the power of Christ even when you don't fully understand?
- How does the fact that Jesus is the resurrection and the life _____ the way you live day to day?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 11:17. What is the biological significance of Lazarus having been dead for four days? What is the Jewish superstition about this? How does this show part of the reason why Jesus waited? (Jn. 11:3, 6, 14-15)

2. Read John 11:18-19. What consolation did the Jews bring to Mary and Martha? Was this helpful? What consolation can we give to others in a time of crises? (2 Cor. 1:3-7)

3. Read John 11:20-22. What are the differences in Martha and Mary? What are we to think of this? Explain how Martha was honest about what she thought but still trusting in Christ’s power.

4. Read John 11:23-24. What does Martha know? What is Martha still confused about? What does the OT teach about the resurrection? (Job 19:25-27; Psa. 16:10; Dan. 12:2) How can we do a better job moving from knowledge to application?

5. Read John 11:25-26. Explain the significance of these verses. What is the difference between coming to a book and coming to a person? How does Philippians 3:8-11 emphasize the importance of knowing the person of Christ?

6. Read John 11:27. How do we know that Martha saw Jesus as more than a friend? Which part of her confession encourages you the most? Why?

7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? How will you live your life differently this week based on what you have learned?

“Let us take shame to ourselves that we have named the name of Christ so long, and yet know so little about Him... Our slight and imperfect knowledge of Christ is the true reason of our discomfort. Let the time past suffice us to have been lazy students in Christ's school; let the time to come find us more diligent in trying to ‘know Him and the power of His resurrection.’”

- J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*