



I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Week 1 by
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Scripture

Read John 11:17-44

DAILY READING

Consider reading the full passage in each different translations.

- ___ Day 1 | ESV
- ___ Day 2 | NIV
- ___ Day 3 | CSB
- ___ Day 4 | NLT
- ___ Day 5 | NASB



Observation

What immediately stands out to you?

Are there commands to consider?

Do I recognize any promises in the passage?

“Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life.” You have probably heard that at a funeral. This is a true statement that brings comfort at a time of grief and loss. Jesus said this to Martha as she was mourning the death of her beloved brother, Lazarus. Jesus told her Lazarus would rise again. She had no problem believing he would rise again in the resurrection on the last day. To this Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life.” He went on to say, “whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies.”

As believers in Christ we know that we will live for eternity, even after our earthly bodies die. One way of thinking about this is “eternal life begins here.” It was the great purpose of the life, death and resurrection of Christ to give this eternal life to all believers. He came into the world on purpose so that we should live forever through him. Does this impact the way we live every day? Does it affect the way we face death? When Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born again (John 3:3), He was talking about a new way to live. But how can someone completely change the way they live? The answer is, with God all things are possible. Paul declared that if anyone is in Christ, they are new creations (2 Corinthians 5:17). Jesus is the way to this new life (John 14:6). When Christ asked Martha, “Do you believe this?” (John 11:26). Her answer was, “Yes, I believe.”

LAZARUS HAD BEEN DEAD FOR 4 DAYS...

In Jewish tradition, the soul of the deceased would linger around its body for three days, just in case it was able to return. When the body began to decompose on the 4th day, the soul would move on because at that point, death was considered to be irreversible.



Application

1) How is your life different now that you are a new creation?

2) How has faith in Jesus helped you when you have experienced a loss?

3) If Jesus Christ is your life, how will you live for Him today?



Prayer

“Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of eternal life. Today is the right now that you have given me. I submit you and your kingdom purposes. I pray for your will to be done in your way and in your time. I know whatever happens today that I am safe in your presence – help me not to forget this. If I face problems or hardships, help me not to worry or be frustrated, but help me relax in the peace you give me. Help me love others as you love me. To you be the glory and honor and power forever. AMEN.”

MEMORY VERSE

IN HIM WAS LIFE, AND THAT LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.

John 1:4 (CSB)

Additional Notes

ADDITIONAL READING

Day 1: John 14:6

Day 2: John 3:3

Day 3: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Day 4: Matthew 6:25-33

Day 5: John 10:10