

Sermon Series – “I AM”

Part 3 – “The Resurrection and the Life”

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Scripture Reading: John 11:23-27

God is the god of love and mercy. He is the Giver of life. When Christ came, He came to _____ suffering and declared His will that all my have life and have it abundantly! But we, as Christians, are faced with a _____ challenge. We are faced with the _____ of death, at just about the same _____ as those who do not believe that there is a Savior. We often struggle to _____ confident in a God of love when faced with questions for which we don't seem to have a good _____. Many leave the faith with the often _____ phrase, “If God loved me, why didn't He answer my prayer?” Today we will take another look at a familiar story in Scripture that is as _____ today as it was when the events took place. Though the pain of lost loved ones is difficult, I pray that through this study we will find _____ strength to hold on to Him who is the _____ and the Life.

Assurance in the “Resurrector”

1. What was the _____ for Christ's delay when the sisters sent for Him? *v 3-6;15*
2. While grieving, how does Martha move from _____ to _____? *v17-27*
3. What is _____ yet hidden in the fact that Jesus wept and groaned? *v 33-35*
4. Why does Martha _____ when Jesus asks for the stone's _____? *v38-39*
5. Can we have confiding comfort in Jesus as the _____ of life? *v40-47; 1 Th. 4:16*

The divinity of Christ is the believer's assurance of eternal life. “He that believeth in Me,” said Jesus, “though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?” Christ here looks forward to the time of His second coming. Then the righteous dead shall be raised incorruptible, and the living righteous shall be translated to heaven without seeing death. The miracle which Christ was about to perform, in raising Lazarus from the dead, would represent the resurrection of all the righteous dead. By His word and His works He declared Himself the Author of the resurrection. He who Himself was soon to die upon the cross stood with the keys of death, a conqueror of the grave, and asserted His right and power to give eternal life.

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May you always trust in Him who is The Resurrection and the Life – He Lives!