

I AM...the Resurrection and the Life

Sermon Series: Who is Jesus?

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The Miracle Raising of Lazarus from the dead sets the stage for our next I AM statement of Jesus. A casual reading of this story might reveal Jesus' power over death. True, but very incomplete!

When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." Vs. 4

Why did Jesus WAIT to heal Lazarus?

"Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days," vs. 5,6

Love isn't His sparing us from suffering, death or discomfort. Love is measured by how much of Himself He has shown us! Consider:

"For God **so loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but **have eternal life.**" John 3:16

God loves so much. But what is Eternal life?

Jesus Said: *"Now this is eternal life: that they **know you**, the only true God, and **Jesus Christ**, whom you have sent."* John 17:3

"Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, **and I too will love them and show myself to them.**" John 14:21

- **Jesus Reveals God's Glory to Martha with _____ About Himself.**

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died." vs. 21

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." Vs. 23-27

- **Jesus Reveals God's Glory to Mary & the Mourners with _____**

"When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." vs. 32

*When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was **deeply moved in spirit and troubled.** ³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" he asked.*

"Come and see, Lord," they replied. ³⁵ Jesus wept. Vs. 33-35

- **Jesus Reveals God's Glory to the Crowd with _____ Vs. 36-37**

Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" vs. 36-37

*Jesus: Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will **see the glory of God?**" vs. 40*

Conclusion: It turns out Jesus really did love them...but perhaps not exactly the way we think!

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