

Celebration ~ 8:45

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# Life: AGAIN

## Life: Again John 11

Too often we have problems that impact how we view the resurrected Jesus. John recorded this story to help us understand our problems in light of Jesus' promises to us.

### The Problems: Seen through the eyes of Mary and Martha

- Why do those close to Jesus suffer so much? John 11:1, 2
- Why does Jesus seem so absent from me when I call for His help? John 11:3
- Why is it so difficult to understand what Jesus is doing? John 11:4
- Why does Jesus seem disinterested and limited in His ability to help me? John 11:21, 32

### The Promise of Jesus Christ: Seen through the eyes of Jesus.

- Jesus' Knowledge: He is fully aware of our issues in life. John 11:4, 11, 14 15  
***So Jesus then said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe; but let us go to him."***
- Jesus' Control: He has a complete plan to unfold for His glory. John 11:4  
***But when Jesus heard this, He said, "This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it."***
- Jesus' Response: He may delay His help to provide a greater reward. John 11:6  
***So when He heard that he was sick, He then stayed two days longer in the place where He was***
- Jesus' Compassion: He is deeply moved and troubled because of our pain. John 11:33-36  
***When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled***
- Jesus' Power: He offers a solution greater than any of our problems. John 11:38-44
- Jesus' Request: Trust in His power by responding in obedience to His Word. John 11:39, 40  
***Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"***

Will you trust Him and walk in obedience to Him?

John 11:25, 26 Jesus ultimate promise for you:

***Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"***

## **Digging Deeper in John 11** **How To Experience Life: Again**

Jesus came into this world for one reason—to pay for our sins so we can be holy as God and accepted by Him in this life and in heaven after we die. Jesus sacrifice for us is called the gospel, or good news.

**The Truth of the Gospel:** It is defined for us in **I Corinthians 15:1-8**

**Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.**

**After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.**

Note how Jesus proved to hundreds that He was alive.

Have you confessed your sins to Jesus Christ so He can forgive you? If not, ask Him today to forgive you and put your faith in Him that He is your only way to heaven.

Jesus said in **John 11:25, 26**(on the front outline) that Jesus is the resurrection and the life, if you believe in Him, you will live forever, even after you die. Do you believe this?

Are you experiencing the fullness of Christ in your life?

### **Our Good Works Do Not Save Us:**

Many people think they can be a Christian, forgiven, accepted by God and going to heaven if they are good enough. The Bible never teaches that, in fact, just the opposite. You cannot be good enough to gain eternal life in heaven. Note the following verses that teach this truth:

Ephesians 2:8, 9 **For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.**

Titus 3:4-7 **But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.**

### **We Are Saved By Faith In Jesus Alone:**

If you and I are not saved by works, then we have to have faith in God's work for us. That is why Jesus asked Martha, **Do you believe this?** Regarding eternal life.

Note Jesus' words that you must have faith in Him alone.

John 3:16 **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.**

Do you believe in Him for your eternal life and forgiveness of sins? You can today. Meet with one of our leaders up front after our service.