

I Am The Resurrection

John 11

Introduction

I love a good story...

Act I. Crisis..... 11:1-3

Acts II. Dialogue 11:20-26

Act III. Emotion 11:32-35

Act IV. Climax 11:38-44

Act V. Response..... 11:53; 12:9-11

What we learn from the story:

1. Death is an enemy _____!
2. In the Resurrected Christ _____!
3. The issue is _____!

Conclusion

Do you believe this?

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...and he opened to us the Scriptures (Luke 24:32)

He is risen, He is risen indeed! Without the truth of the resurrection of Christ, we have no hope and our faith is in vain. This past weekend we looked at a story in the Gospel of John where Jesus brought this truth to life with a family in crisis. A man who has died is brought back to life while Jesus teaches us about His power over death. Let's go back to that story and see, once again, God's power over life and death.

Monday – A Greater Purpose

Read John 11:1-4. How does Jesus respond when He first hears about His sick friend, Lazarus? According to Jesus, what would be the result of Lazarus' sickness? The onlookers would have no way of knowing this, but Jesus had a greater purpose in their crisis. Is there an area of uncertainty or crisis in your life where you're trusting in God's greater purposes? Identify them and pray to your Father.

Tuesday – A Clarifying Question

Read John 11:20-27. What do you sense is happening in Martha's heart? What does Mary reveal about her understanding of Jesus? What do you think Jesus is trying to do in verses 25-26? In what area of your life (especially in light of yesterday's appointment) do you sense Jesus asking you the same question He asked Martha, "Do you believe this?" Take some time to pray and search your heart.

Wednesday – An Emotional Jesus

Read John 11:33-37. What are some of the words you would use to describe what Jesus is feeling at this point? One of the things we learned this past weekend is the meaning of the word "troubled" in verse 33; it means to be angry or outraged. Why do you think Jesus was angry? What was the object of His anger given the situation with Mary and Martha? This underscores the truth... Death is an enemy that Jesus has defeated to which we reply "Hallelujah!"

Thursday – An Undeniable Miracle

Read John 11:38-44. What do you observe about Martha's statement in verse 39 compared to her conversation with Jesus in verses 20-27? In verse 40, what do you think Jesus is trying to help Martha understand? On Sunday we talked about "trust" being another way to understand "belief". What are some things that you are trusting/believing God for right now? Pray to the God of Truth and Grace to make provisions in those areas.

Friday – A Surprising Response

Read John 11:47-53; 12:9-10. Why did the religious leaders want Jesus and Lazarus killed? What does their reaction to this miracle teach us about people and their response to God? Their hardness of heart makes clear the need for what was about to take place in Jerusalem, the sacrifice of the Son of God. May we rejoice that God has revealed Himself to us and is still asking us the question, "Do you believe this?"