

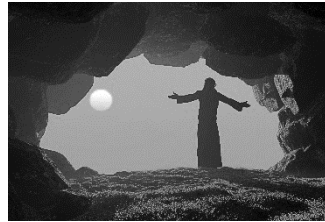
38 JESUS: RESURRECTION AND LIFE



Isn't this miracle that Jesus performed incredible? Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days, and Jesus brought him back to life! Lazarus was resurrected! Not long after this, Jesus died on the cross, so our sins can be forgiven. He died so we can live forever with Him in heaven. But He didn't stay dead! Three days later, Jesus was resurrected too!

MEMORIZE

1 Corinthians 6:14 – “And God will raise us from the dead by His power, just as He raised our Lord from the dead.”



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Because Jesus is the resurrection and the life, we – His followers – have hope! Death does not have the last word. Jesus does!

NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Matthew	Acts
Mark	Romans (roh-muns)
Luke	1 Corinthians (kor-in-thee-unz)
John	2 Corinthians

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“ROAR” (that's lion for “Well done!”)

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“Jesus: Resurrection and Life.” Well done!

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In the Gospel of John, Jesus said “I am...” quite a few times. Each time, He tells us a bit more about who He is. So far, we have learned that Jesus is...

...the Bread of Life and the Living Water, satisfying the hunger and quenching the thirst of our souls.

...the Light of the World, revealing His truth and hope to the world.

...the True Vine, giving His followers (His “branches”) salvation, as well as anything else they might need.

...the Gate for the sheep to walk through, as well as the Good Shepherd, who takes care of His sheep (His followers).

This next “I am” that Jesus says is just as important as the others, and we hear Jesus say it as He performs one of His most amazing miracles. This story, found in John chapter 11, begins...

A man named Lazarus (laz-r-us) was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha. ... The two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling Him, “Lord, Your dear friend is very sick.” But when



Jesus heard about it, He said, “Lazarus’ sickness will not end in death. No, it has happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this.” So, although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, He stayed where He was for the next two days. Finally, He said to His disciples, “Let’s go back to Judea.” But His disciples objected. “Rabbi (Teacher),” they said,

“Only a few days ago the people in Judea were trying to stone You. Are You going there again?” ... Then Jesus said, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up.” The disciples said, “Lord, if he is sleeping, he will soon get better.” They thought Jesus meant Lazarus was simply sleeping, but Jesus meant Lazarus had died. So, He told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead! And for your sakes, I’m glad I wasn’t there, for now you will really believe. Come, let’s go see him!”

Just as God has a purpose for Lazarus’ death, God has a purpose for everything that happens in our lives (Remember Joseph’s story!). What hard thing has happened in your life recently?

Is it easy or hard to believe that God has a purpose for that hard thing that has happened? Why?

REVIEW

Romans 8:28 – “And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them.”

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God had big plans, even for Lazarus’ death. Let’s see what happens next...

When Jesus arrived at Bethany, He was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days. ... When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet Him. ... Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if only You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give You whatever You ask.” Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise

again.” “Yes,” Martha said, “he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day.” Jesus told her...



MEMORIZE

John 11:25 – “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in Me will live, even after dying.”

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Resurrection means to be brought back to life. So, Jesus is saying that He is able, that He has the power, to bring dead people back to life.

Jesus ... arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. “Roll the stone aside,” Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man’s sister, protested, “Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible!” Jesus responded, “Didn’t I tell you that you would see God’s glory if you believe?” So, they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, thank You for hearing Me. You always hear Me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe You sent Me.” Then Jesus shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him go!” Many of the people ... believed in Jesus when they saw this happen!

REVIEW

John 20:31 – “But these miracles are written about so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that – by believing – you may have life in His name.”

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