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THE "I AM" LESSON 9

Chapter 11 of John tells us the story of Jesus raising Lazarus up from the grave. As Jesus approached Bethany, Martha went out to meet him. Jesus told her that Lazarus would be raised from the dead. She understood that would happen in the end times at the resurrection, but Jesus had a better plan.

Jesus then makes a remarkable claim. In John 11:25-26 He said, ***"I AM the resurrection, and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead [physically], yet shall he live [eternally]. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die."***

Jesus was claiming to be the source of all life. It was by His spoken word in Genesis on the day of creation that all life was created... the plants, herbs, trees, fish, birds, and everything on land that had legs. Which included ` adam. He was the source of and giver of all life.

Whoever believes upon this giver of life shall live in His life forever. Faith upon Jesus resurrects us from the death sentence of sin, and our life is placed in Him for all eternity.

Again, verse 25 says, ***"I AM... the life."*** Yes, He IS life. There is no life without him. There can be no life without the giver of life. Praise be to Jesus. His life is in me and you and our lives are in Him.