

I Am the Resurrection and the Life!
I AM, Part 1
John 11

John 11:25, *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?”*

2 Corinthians 4:7, *But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed... 16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day... 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

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1. Helps Us Deal with DELAYS

John 11:3, *So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.”... 5 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...*

Isaiah 55:8, *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. 9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are*

my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

2. Helps Us Deal With UNCERTAINTY

John 11:7, and then he said to His disciples, *“Let us go back to Judea.” 8 “But Rabbi,” they said, “a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?” ... 16 Then Thomas ... said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”*

Isaiah 43:1, ... *“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.*

3. Helps Us Deal With Life's “WHAT IF'S”

John 11:17, *On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days... 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him... 21 “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died... 32 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.”*

4. Helps Us Deal With Our EMOTIONS

John 11:31, When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there... **33** 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.

1 Thessalonians 4:13, Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

5. Helps Us Deal With ETERNITY

John 11:25, 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?” ... **43** When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” **44** The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”