

John #58

11:17-27

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“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”

Intro: In this portion of Scripture we will read as the _____ makes an astonishing declaration, announcing Himself to be “the _____ and the life.”

I. “When Jesus came *to Bethany in Judea* He found that he (_____) had already been _____ the _____ four days.”

A. According to the people’s belief, since Lazarus had died and been laid in the tomb for four days, all would have to _____ that he truly was irreversibly dead for his _____ had _____ and the process of decay begun.

B. _____, being the person of action she was, did not wait for _____ to arrive but she went to _____ Him.

1. Martha expressed her grief and then in faith said that she knew that _____ would _____ whatever He asked.

C. Jesus told Martha that _____ would _____ again!

1. Being a person of faith Martha responded by saying that she knew her brother would be _____ in the _____.

II. Jesus said, “_____ the resurrection and the _____ ...”

A. Jesus directed Martha’s attention from the future hope of the resurrection to a _____ hope: the ever present _____ of _____ found in the person of Christ Jesus!

B. Jesus said, “... he who _____ in Me shall live even if he dies, ...” That is, whoever believes in Jesus shall gain everlasting life and their _____ will _____ even if they die a physical death.

1. Therefore, Jesus could say, “everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.” That is, everyone who has been made spiritually _____ through faith (belief) in Jesus Christ shall _____ spiritually.

C. Jesus asked Martha, “_____ this?” As A.W. Pink wrote, “Every divine communication challenges the heart ...” And it is this divine question that should challenge each of our hearts today! Do you believe, _____ and trust that _____ is the Resurrection and the Life?

1. “She said to Him, ‘_____, _____; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world.’”

a. In affirmatively addressing Jesus as Lord, she was saying, “_____ myself to all You have said! You are my _____!”

b. In other words, Martha stated that she _____ everything Jesus said of Himself, and that He was, in every way, shape and form, the _____ of the Scriptures.

2. Martha _____ to be exactly who He is: the Resurrection and the Life!

Closing: And now the Lord’s question comes to us as it did to Martha, “_____ ...?” One can resist this question, but resist as one might, “Every divine communication challenges the heart ...” Do you believe, embrace and trust that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life? Will you say, “Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the _____, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world.”

How shall you answer this question? Your answer must be “a _____ attitude of *your* soul.” Your answer must be emphatic and personal saying “_____!”

A. Receive this admonition: Take _____! If you will believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, you will _____ even if you die for every one who lives and believes _____, will never die.