

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

Scripture Text: John 11:25-26

About the Resurrection

- 1) Most central doctrine of Christianity (1 Corinthians 15).
- 2) John's statement: John 19:35

The "I am" statements.

- 1) This one "I am" statement tells us more about Jesus than any other statement.
- 2) Who is Jesus?
  - a. He is the Son of God.
  - b. He is the one who has power and authority.
  - c. He is the one who brings hope.
  - d. He is the one who gives life to the dead.
  - e. He is the one who promises a great future for the faithful.
  - f. He is the one who overcame death.
  - g. He is the one who saves through baptism.

Identifying Jesus as the resurrection identifies him as . . .

## **I. THE SON OF GOD**

1. Only the Son of God could make such a claim.
2. John 11:27
3. John 9:35 "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?"
4. John 20:30-31
5. The resurrection of Lazarus from the dead substantiated His claim as the Son of God.
6. His own resurrection provides undeniable proof that He is who He says He is.

## **II. POWERFUL AND AUTHORITATIVE**

1. Read John 11:39-45
  - 1) There was no doubt concerning his own power in this act.
  - 2) With great confidence and power Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.
  - 3) Notice the great result-people acknowledged his authority.

2. With the same power, Jesus was resurrected. The same authority accompanies this power.
3. John 5:25-27
4. Peter preached of this power and authority in Acts 2:22-36.
5. Paul acknowledged this power in Philippians 3:8-11

### **III. THE BRINGER OF HOPE**

1. John 11:25-26
  - 1) The dead live.
  - 2) The living shall never die.
2. Acts 24:14-15
  - 1) We have hope that we will be resurrected and that in that new form we will live forever with Christ.
  - 2) 1 John 3:2
  3. Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

### **IV. THE BRINGER OF LIFE**

1. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25
2. He brought new life to Lazarus.
3. He brings new life to those who put their trust in Him.
  - 1) Romans 6:6-8
  - 2) Colossians 2:10
  - 3) 2 Corinthians 5:17
4. He brings eternal life to those who believe on him.
  - 1) John mentions eternal life more than any other gospel writer.
  - 2) John 3:36
  - 3) John 6:40
  - 4) Romans 6:23

### **V. THE PROMISER OF SALVATION**

1. John 11:25-26
2. Do you believe in the promise of Jesus in this passage?
3. Notice what he says in John 5:28-29

- 1) Herein is a great promise of Christ.      2) Do we believe this promise?
4. The resurrection of Christ assures us that this promise will occur. Acts 17:30, 31
5. Hebrews 6:17-20

## **VI. THE OVERCOMER**

1. Jesus said to Lazarus, "Lazarus, come forth." (John 11:43).
2. Through this statement, Lazarus overcame the bonds of death and was resurrected.
3. Jesus has overcome death itself never more to die. He is the firstfruits.
4. 1 Corinthians 15:20-22
5. We shall also overcome death nevermore to die if we believe in Him and are faithful to Him.
6. Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-57
7. Romans 6:8-11

## **VII. THE SAVIOR**

1. Jesus provides for salvation through the resurrection.
2. Read Romans 6:1-11
3. Read Colossians 2:12
4. 1 Peter 3:21

The statement, "I am the resurrection and the life" speaks volumes.

- 1) He is the Son of God.
- 2) He is powerful and authoritative.
- 3) He is the bringer of life.
- 4) He is the bringer of hope.
- 5) He is the Promiser of salvation.
- 6) He is the Overcomer.
- 7) He is the Savior.

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