

“The Resurrection and the Life”

John 11:1-27, 38-44
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Introduction

- President Kennedy’s bold moon prediction
- “Bold talk must be proven in life.”
- Earlier bold claims by Jesus
 - John 5:17-18-- *“My Father has been working until now, and I have been working. Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.”*
 - John 8:57-58-- *“You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?...Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”*
 - John 10:25-30-- *“I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me. But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. I and My Father are one.”*
 - John 10:31-33-- *“Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, “Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?” The Jews answered Him, saying, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.”*

“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”

A. The **Pronouncement**—John 11:1-27

1. To His disciples—John 11:1-16
2. To Martha—John 11:17-27
 - a. Lazarus’ hopeless state—dead “four days”
 - b. Martha’s “disconnected” beliefs
 - 1) Jesus’ power to heal
 - 2) Jesus’ special relationship to the Father
 - 3) Future resurrection
 - Daniel 12:2-- *“And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.”*
 - Isaiah 26:19-- *“Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew is like the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.”*
 - c. Jesus’ Connection—*“I am the Resurrection and the Life”*
 - John 5:21-- *“For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.”*
 - d. Martha’s Confession—*“I have believed and still do”*

B. The **Proof**—John 11:38-44

1. Raising Lazarus from the Dead—John 11:38-44
 - a. Reluctance of Martha
 - b. Reasons of Jesus—to demonstrate His glory and that He had been sent by the Father
 - c. Raising of Lazarus
 - John 5:25-- *“Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.”*

2. Raising Himself from the Dead

- Matthew 12:39-40-- *"An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."*
- John 2:19-- *"Destroy this temple and I will raise it in three days."*
- Matthew 27:40-- *"You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."*
- Matthew 27:63-- *"we remember while He was still alive, how that the deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise.'"*

C. The Product – John 11:25-26

1. Those who believe in Jesus Christ and die physically will one day be raised to life

- 1 Corinthians 15:51-57-- *"Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18-- *"But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words."*

2. Those who believe in Jesus Christ will never experience death.

a. "Spiritual death"

- Ephesians 2:1-- *"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,"*

1) Remedied by the Gospel

- 1 Corinthians 15:3-4-- *"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures"*
- 1 Peter 3:18-- *"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit"*
- Ephesians 2:4-5-- *"God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)"*

2) Results: Secure eternally

- John 10:27-28-- *"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."*
- John 5:24-- *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."*

b. The "Second death"

- Revelation 20:11-15-- *"Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."*