

Sunday, July 29, 2018 - Series: FULL

Resurrection and the Life – Speaker: Dave Solmes

Series Theme verse: John 10:10, “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

Text: Luke 11:23-26

Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise again.” “Yes,” Martha said, “he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day.” Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?”

The Question being asked is: What does Jesus have to do with the resurrection of the dead?

As you follow the events of that day: Jesus prophesied that in a few hours He would call Lazarus back to life from within Lazarus' secured tomb. In the present tense Jesus was stating that He had miraculous power to heal, help, and resurrect human life. In present tense - Jesus still does!

Future tense: After His death and burial - Jesus would rise from the dead. We know now, 2000 years later – this was exactly true this is exactly what happened.

After Life: The Bible does not teach:

Annihilation

Only death and then only destruction

Reincarnation

That there is no such thing as after life – you live then you die

Us that the dead are still with us ..

That we die and then are in the sun, wind, and rain.

Jesus says: I am the resurrection and the Life: How then shall we live?

1. Receive the full benefits of knowing a Resurrected Lord as your personal Saviour.

He forgives the sin of those that call upon His name ..

2. Allow Jesus to resurrect dreams, hope, purposes

John 11:39 - 44

“Roll the stone aside,” Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, protested, “Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible.” Jesus responded, “Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?” So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me.” Then Jesus

shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in grave clothes, his face wrapped in a head cloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"

Application: Jesus is the resurrection and the life – listen for God's word in the midst of every situation as hopeless as it seems.

3. Take off your grave clothes and help others do the same

Let go of the past – walk in a new way ... with new purpose.
Put on garment of praise ... new thinking, new life, new attitude,

4. Think often about your after life ... let the hope of eternity rise in your heart

John 11:26 Everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Questions:

1. Do you speak about eternity often? Why or why not?
2. Do you have hope of eternal life? What is the source of your hope?
3. What do you believe happens to some after they die?
4. What does it mean for you to believe in Jesus: resurrection life in your life?
5. What are some practical things you can do to allow the hope of eternity to rise and your heart?
6. Do you have any grave clothes to take off: habits, activities, thoughts?