

THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 11:17-29

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**"Jesus is The Resurrection
and the Life" – Part 2**

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John 1:12

**But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of
God, to those who believe in His name:**

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

John 11:17-29

Job 14:14

**If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my hard service I will wait, till my
change comes.**

Rightly did D. L. Moody say that you could never really get good instructions from the Bible as to how to conduct a funeral. Because in every case Jesus appears on the scene and foils every funeral that he attended.

In Our Upcoming Studies on This Chapter

- What will we look and be like in the resurrection?
- How are the dead raised?
- And where are they now, before the resurrection?

Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life

1.) *The God Of All Comfort*

vv. 17-20

So when Jesus came, He found that (Lazarus) had already been in the tomb four days. **18** Now Bethany (the house of dates) was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. **19** And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. **20** Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.

a.) *Comfort Beyond The Grave*

vv. 17-20

So when Jesus came, He found that (Lazarus) had already been in the tomb four days.

Why Did He Wait?

According to Jewish belief and early church records the 4th Day was a very terrible day for the family. It was the day that the power of the grave began to manifest its awful power in physical ways. The body would begin its decomposition

So Why Did He Wait?

That Jesus Might Show That He Has All Power Over the Grave

**His works - Actions Had been clear
But The Grave was Still Man's Greatest Fear**

That Jesus Might Show

Mark 5:35-43

While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" 36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; **only believe.**" 37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. 38 Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. 39 When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping." 40 And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. 41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." 42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement. 43 But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said to them "give her something to eat."

The Widow of Nain

Luke 7:11-15

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. 12 And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. 13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." 14 Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." 15 So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And Jesus presented him to his mother.

a.) *Comfort Beyond The Grave*

vv. 17-20

b.) *Comfort Beyond Understanding*

vv. 18-20

19 And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. **20** Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.

And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them (as seen on cnn)

HUMAN EFFORTS TO COMFORT IS A KIND ATTEMPT

Verse 20

Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.

Notice their Two Locations

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Psalm 71:21

You will give me greater honor than before and turn again and comfort me.

Psalm 119:75

I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are right, and that in faithfulness You have comforted me.

Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life

2.) The God Of All Of Life

vv. 21-25

21 Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. **22** "But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." **23** Jesus said to her, "**Your brother will rise again.**" **24** Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." **25** Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.**"

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Martha is a perfect picture of the Faithful Follower of Jesus

TORN BETWEEN TWO REALITIES

"Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died

((((Frustrated Faith))))

John 1:4

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:9

That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

Jesus Represents Life Itself

Some Three Years Earlier They All Would Have Heard About John's Announcement...

John 3:3-7

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

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EVERY JEW BELIEVES IN A RESURRECTION

Job 19:26

And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my
flesh I shall see God,

A new resurrected, glorified life in a new resurrected, glorified body

1 Corinthians 15:35-44

But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" 36 Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. 37 And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain-- perhaps wheat or some other grain. 38 But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body. 39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fish, and another of birds. 40 There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory. 42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. 43 It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

Philippians 3:20-21

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our **lowly** body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

***lowly** grk 5014 tapeinosis (tap-i'-no-sis);
depressed (in rank or feeling position): - humiliation, vile.

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Jesus Promises Life Divine

c.) *Jesus Guarantees Life Forever*

vv. 25

Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.**"

HE IS DECLARING THAT HE IS THE SOURCE OF ETERNAL LIFE

1 Corinthians 15:53-54

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality...

2 Timothy 1:10

and it now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

"I am the resurrection and the life.

This is the 5th. of the 7
"I AM" statements of Christ. Declaring His Deity

#1

john 6:35

"I am the bread of life.

#2

john 8:12

"I am the light of the world.

#3

john 10:7

"I am the door.

#4

john 10:11

"I am the good shepherd.

#5

john 11:25

"I am the resurrection & the life.

#6

john 14:6

"I am the way, the truth, and the life.

#7

john 15:5

"I am the vine.

**Seven Times in John's Gospel Jesus will Declare That He is
Both The God of the Old Testament And
Savior of the New Testament**

**(You Cannot Deny Jesus' Deity Based Upon The
Bible)**

John 5:39-40

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 "But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

John 10:10b

...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

1.) The God Of All Comfort

vv. 17-20

2.) The God Of All Of Life

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**Jesus is
the Resurrection and the Life**

3.) The God Of All Hope

vv. 26-29

26 "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"
27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." 28 And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you." 29 As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him.

There is the Hope of the World
(wishful, blind, Capricious, Erratic, Brutal)

Then There is the Hope of God
(Factual, Enlightening, Sure, Steady, Peaceful)

a.) His Is An Enduring Hope

vv. 26

"And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.

The Invitation is Broad;

It's given to all the "whoever" (s) in the world

The Requirement is Simple;

believe in Me

The Benefits are Never Ending;

shall never die

But Lazarus Died,
Many People Died

There is a Double Meaning Here to this Verse

#1

The Man Who is Born Again Shall Never See Actual, Spiritual Death
Physical death to the believer is a release

#2

There will be those who someday will never see any form of death
Via the rapture of the church to heaven

Hebrews 3:6

we must hold fast to the confidence and the rejoicing of **the** hope
firm to the end.

Titus 3:7

that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to **the hope**
of eternal life.

* Hope

1680 elpis (el-pece');

the pleasurable expectation of a concrete confidence:

So this is the crowning question of the ages
Do you believe this?"

What?

"I am the resurrection and the life.

Jesus is the Only Person in History That declared that believing
in Him would result in eternal life

NOT WHAT HE SAID & NOT WHAT HE DID

BUT WHO HE IS

Acts 4:12

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given
among men by which we must be saved."

John 20:31

but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and
that believing you may have life in His name.

Acts 19:4

Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the
people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ
Jesus."

Philippians 2:6-11

who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

b.) His Is A Convincing Hope

vv. 27

She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

This Confession Flows from True Belief

1 Peter 1:13

Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully **upon the grace** that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Hebrews 6:19

This is **certain hope** of being saved is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls, connecting us with God himself behind the sacred curtains of heaven,

c.) His Is A Worthy Hope

vv. 28-29

And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you." 29 As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him.

"The Teacher has come and is calling for you."

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Martha Had Something to Say to the World But she said it first to her sister

We're Christians

We are mistaken for a lot of different kinds of people in the world

- *We don't blow up abortion clinics*
- *We don't bomb federal buildings*
 - *We don't bash homosexuals*

But This We Do – We Tell the World about the Greatest News That Has
Ever Been or Ever Will Be...

**"That Jesus Christ is the Resurrection and the Life, He who
believes in Him, though he may die, yet he shall live..**

Do you believe this?"

THE BOTTOM LINE

If it Were Possible for the Gospel to not be True,

- What have I lost by believing in Jesus Christ?

But if you die only to find out that the Gospel is in fact true

- What have you lost? – eternal life and the forgiveness of sins and heaven

John 3:16-18

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Do you believe this?"

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