

John 11:25 – Jesus is the Resurrection and the Source of Life

Godet, JFB, Rienecker, Family, FFG, Gill, TSK, HebrewLexicon, Barnes, Clarke, Calvin, Johnson, Robertson, Geneva, Poole, PNT, Pink, Morris, Handfuls Brothers and Sisters in the Lord: Jesus is the **Bread of Life**, Jesus is the **Light of Life**, Jesus is the **Door to Life**, and **Jesus is the Good Shepherd** of life. **Today you will see Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life.** Keep in mind as you see this, all of these statements prove Jesus' Divinity, proving he was qualified to die for the sins of the world.

Our headings are:

How is Jesus the Resurrection and the Life?

What are the implications of Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life to you?

Our goals are: **That you will rejoice Jesus was resurrected so you too will have a new bodily resurrection, and that you will be motivated to lead others to the resurrected Lord!**

How is Jesus the Resurrection and the Life

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

1. Martha, Lazarus' sister, had high confidence in the power of God to effect a future resurrection, but she had low confidence in the power of God to effect a present resurrection, and she had a particularly low view of God the Son, as if he were limited.

John 11:21 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.**"

2. So Jesus, proving his Divinity, declared to her: "I am the resurrection and the Life!"

- a. **This is the "eigo aymee" statement.** I AM! Jesus said this to Moses: "I AM." The root of Yahweh!
- b. **I am the author of Life.** He is the **source** of the resurrection.
- c. **I am power over the dead!** He is the **cause** of the resurrection.

3. Jesus also declared that he was the source and cause of resurrection in other passages.

John 6:39 "This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40 "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that **everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.**"

4. The Old Testament writers confirmed Jesus was the resurrection and the life; this doctrine did not come out of thin air.

Psalm 16: 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; **My flesh also will rest in hope.** 10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, **Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.**

This Psalmist knew of Christ's resurrection, so he could have hope! The two are inextricably linked!

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John 1:4 **In Him was life,** and the life was the light of men.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and **the life.** No one comes to the Father except through Me.

1Corinthians 15:56 The **sting of death is sin,** and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who **gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus was raised from the dead to show his full power over death. Through his resurrection, death lost its sting. Sin stung man with physical and spiritual death. But Jesus took on sin in his body and soul, paid the price of it, and then rose up. **He pulled out death's sting.** (A wasp has a potent sting, but if you removed the sting, it becomes harmless.) Not even a tiny amount of death's sting remains!

This means life now reigns, not death!

Romans 5:21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

6. Jesus does not give spiritual life to all men; he only gives life to those who believe in him.

Specifically, not those who believe he existed, **but those who believe they are sinners and they need him – his life and death- to be counted as theirs.**

7. Jesus illustrated he was the Resurrection and the Life when he called Lazarus, though dead for 3 days, from the tomb, and he came out alive!

Death is strong! **Jesus is stronger than death!** Hallelujah!

What are the implications of Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life to you?

1. You gain Justification from Jesus' resurrection, which means you gain life – spiritual life!

Romans 4: 23 Now it was **not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, 24 but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,** 25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

Death's sting – sin- no longer has dominion over you. This is why **physical death does not put fear in Christians.**

1Corinthians 15:17 And if Christ is not risen, **your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!** 18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. 20 But **now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

This means you never have to die spiritually and you can never be separated from God.

2. You gain Sanctification from Jesus' resurrection.

Because Jesus was raised from the dead, you not only have his righteousness credited to your account, you also have a renewed life.

Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, **because of His great love** with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and **raised us up together,** and made us **sit together in the heavenly places** in Christ Jesus,

3. You gain Resurrection from Jesus' resurrection.

Your 1st resurrection is when you came to faith! But later, even your body will be restored and gloriously renewed. There will be no more sickness, and no more pain. And your mind will be renewed. There will be no sadness or worries any more. This is your 2nd resurrection. Both come through Jesus.

1Peter 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, 4 **to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven** for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Philippians 3:20 **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.

1John 3:2 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.

The guarantee you have of your resurrection is from one who has the ability to do what he promised, unlike the air conditioner salesman who promised a 10-year warranty but can't or won't

deliver, especially when he changes his business' name. Not Jesus! Jesus has the power to lay down his life and to take it up again. **You can trust his word!**

John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "And if **I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.**

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.

Psalms 49:15 But **God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave,** For He shall receive me.

This was not a New Testament hope, but a hope of all God's elect from Adam – from the very beginning!

4. Those who don't believe in the resurrection are the most pitiful people in the world.

How sad for the Jehovah's Witness (and some SDA's) who do not believe in the resurrection but in annihilation. How wonderful for any Gentile who believes in Jesus' resurrection!

5. You will work for the Lord because you know you will be resurrected and receive your due reward.

Colossians 3: 1 If then you were raised with Christ, **seek those things which are above,** where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 **Set your mind on things above,** not on things on the earth. 3 **For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.** 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then **you also will appear with Him in glory.**

If there were no resurrection there would be no incentive to do good things.

6. Anyone who lives, lives by the grace of God, ought not to boast in himself as if he could preserve his life of himself!

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.

It is highway robbery to take God's credit. You chose because God chose you and enabled you!

7. There is no other source of life, physical or spiritual.

Man did not come by evolution. No other god is real and no other god can give life – physical or spiritual.

Conclusion:

Jesus is God! He proved that by this declaration and by raising Lazarus from the dead. So live your life with a recognition that your God, who loves you, will keep his promises to preserve your life in this world, and when you die, raise you up with a new glorious body that will unite with your soul in heaven for eternity.

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1. Rejoice: Not only did Jesus satisfy God for you by dying, he then guaranteed you a new life in heaven by being raised from the dead.

2. Remind yourself often of Jesus' resurrection (the disciples boasted of preaching the resurrection) so you will remember your justification, your sanctification, and your glorification. Listen to preachers who focus on Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Don't miss a baptism or Lord's Supper.

3. Remember your duty to tell others of this wonderful work of Jesus for sinners. That is the perfect reason for using your Facebook, Twitter or X, Instagram, WhatsApp, of whatever new social media there is now! You probably won't get so many "likes," but people need to hear it. Tell it to your children from infancy. Tell your co-workers, even if they laugh. Tell your fellow students before it is too late, though they might think you are weird. **Jesus is their only chance for a heavenly resurrection.** It is a hellish one otherwise.

Finally, let me ask you the question Jesus asked Martha. **Do you believe Jesus is the resurrection and life?** This is your only opportunity to live. Without Christ's resurrection counted as yours, you will die and go to hell.