



WHO JESUS SAYS HE IS

The Resurrection and the Life | Stephanie Fehr | April 9, 2023

## Another resurrection...

- John 11: Jesus across the Jordan
- V. 3: “Lord, the one you love is sick” - Lazarus
- V. 4: “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.”
  - 2 Corinthians 4:4: “god of this world” - sickness, death
- Lazarus dead for four days

## Another resurrection...

- V. 24: (Martha) “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”
- V. 25: “I am the resurrection and the life.” - now
- Jesus is “deeply moved in his spirit and troubled” (v.33)
- V. 35: Jesus wept.
  - “Jesus is not remote from the sufferings of his fellow humans. The fact that he is one with us in humanity means that he is one with us in agony.” - Bruce Milne, *John*
- V. 34: “Come and see”

## Come and see

- Jesus calls his disciples
- Philip to Nathaneal about Jesus
- The Samaritan woman to her community about Jesus

## Another resurrection continued...

- all resurrection and new life begins in darkness
- Jesus asked for the stone to be taken away (v.39)
- V.41-42: “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

## Another resurrection continued...

- V. 43: “Lazarus, come out!”
  - The Good Shepherd: calls his sheep by name, they know his voice
  - John 20: Mary Magdalene
- V.44: The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

## Resurrection and Life

- John 12: Lazarus reclining with Jesus for a meal
- redemption and resurrection is echoed throughout scripture:
  - Isaiah 42:18-19: Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

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- Death does not have the final answer:
  - 1 Corinthians 15:55 “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”
  - Romans 8:38-39: For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Resurrection and Life

“To anticipate and locate the promises of the resurrection only in a future life with God is counterintuitive to [John’s Gospel]... This Gospel wants us to know that another way to imagine the resurrection is to make it synonymous with life here and now. Jesus’ revelation that he is the resurrection and the life upends any and all expectations of our future lives as heaven or hell, some sort of get-out-of-jail free card, or postponed grace. Rather, the consequences of this... are that resurrection lays claim on our lives today.” - Karoline M. Lewis, *John*

## Takeaways from the passage...

- consider how the truth and reality of resurrection and abundant life alters the way we live now
- Matthew 11:28-30: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”
- MSG: learn the unforced rhythms of grace

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- Come and see
  - Thomas, John 20:25: “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”
  - If you’re wondering if Jesus is worth it, if there is truth in his claims, if life truly is better with and in Christ... just come and see