

Sermon Title: “Resurrection Power”

Scripture: John 11:17-27

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Is there any hope?

Even though death comes to us all, you don't need to be afraid.

***Because Jesus is our resurrection power, you must believe
_____ has been _____.***

John 11:21–27 ESV

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

Jesus is our resurrection power.

How does this imply death has been defeated?

Philippians 1:21 ESV

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Revelation 14:13 ESV

”And I heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’”

1. God’s plan is always _____.

John 11:21–22 ESV

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”

2. Your body will be _____.

John 11:24 ESV

Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”

John 11:25–26 ESV

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

1 Corinthians 15:51–52 ESV

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 imperishable, and we shall be changed.

Luke 24:39 ESV

See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

3. You will _____.

John 11:25–26 ESV

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

Luke 23:42 ESV

And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Luke 23:43 ESV

And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Do you believe this?

Our hope is that Jesus walked out of the tomb.

Philippians 3:7–11 ESV

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count

them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you have (or have had) any particular Easter traditions?

What is the first word you think of when you think of death?

Read John 11:17-27.17

John 11:17-27 ESV Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. 20 So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. 21 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 from 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 on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who 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 coming into the world."

What is most surprising or puzzling about this passage?

Who do you relate to most in this story? Why?

Have you ever struggled to see God's plan as better than yours? If so, please describe.

Why is God's plan always better than ours?

How does this passage give you confidence about facing death?

What questions do you have about death? (Randy Alcorn's book, Heaven, is a good resource about what the Bible teaches regarding Heaven).

Pray together.