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"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE!"

(John 11:17-37)

I. AN INTRODUCTION TO JOHN'S GOSPEL
II. THE PROLOGUE: INTRODUCING JESUS CHRIST (1:1-18)
III. WITNESSING ABOUT JESUS CHRIST (1:19-51)
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A. Jesus Predicts Lazarus' Death (11:1-16)

B. Jesus Reveals Himself as the Resurrection and the Life (11:17-26)

1. Since Israel is a very warm climate it was customary in Bible times to bury the dead the _____ _____ they died. Because Jerusalem is only two miles away from Bethany, _____ Jewish friends from that city gathered for mourning. (vv. 17-19)

2. This picture of Martha as the more _____ sister and Mary as the more _____ and contemplative (in v. 20), _____ with Luke's presentation of them (Luke 10:38-42).

3. Even though Martha believed in the truth of the resurrection, she needed to _____ in her _____ that the resurrection and life were in a _____, namely Jesus Christ. (vv. 21-22)

4. While Christ responded to Martha's faith by promising her that her brother would rise, He was thinking of the _____ _____, whereas she interpreted His words to mean the _____ resurrection in the last day. (vv. 23-24, cf. Dan. 12:2-3; John 5:21, 28-29)

5. Jesus declared *"I Am the resurrection and the life,"* and that if a person simply _____ in Him for salvation, he/she would _____ _____. (vv. 25-26)

C. Jesus Comforts Martha and Mary (11:27-37)

1. Martha was quick to assert her faith in Jesus as the _____, the _____ of the living God, and that God had become _____ at the Incarnation. (v. 27)

2. Martha told her sister Mary that Jesus was in a discreet place just outside of Bethany, and apparently He had _____ that He would like to _____ her, so she quickly went to _____ Him. (vv. 28-31)

   Principle to Remember: We should _____ be quick to assume that the Lord has abandoned us because we are currently going through difficult trials. (Isa. 41:10, 13; Matt. 28:20b; John 14:1-3)

   * What significant fact is always stated about Mary of Bethany in Scripture? (Luke 10:39; John 11:32; 12:3)

3. Before Jesus' arrival both sisters must have repeated *"If only the Lord had been here,"* which seems to imply that they thought Christ's _____ was somehow _____ by _____. (vv. 21 & 32)

4. Verse 33 has various interpretations, the word translated *"groaned"* (Gr *embrimaomai*); is a rare word and it can be defined at least two ways…

   a. Christ was deeply _____ with _____ by all the emotion that was displayed by Mary and the other mourners

   b. Jesus was _____ with the _____ of sin and death and all the terrible pain it caused. (cf. v. 38; Matt. 9:30; Mark 1:43; 14:5)

5. The mystery of the Incarnation was that Jesus _____, *"Where have you laid him?"* Naturally the Jews present _____ _____ why the "miracle worker" hadn't prevented Lazarus' death? (vv. 34-37)