



SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE



I AM the Resurrection and the Life

John 11:17-27



“Let every man and woman count himself immortal. Let him catch the revelation of Jesus in his resurrection. Let him say not merely, 'Christ is risen,' but 'I shall rise.'”

Phillips Brooks



John 11:17

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



SAFETY COFFIN – BELL!

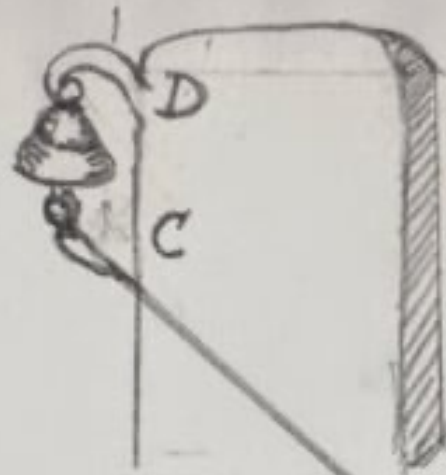
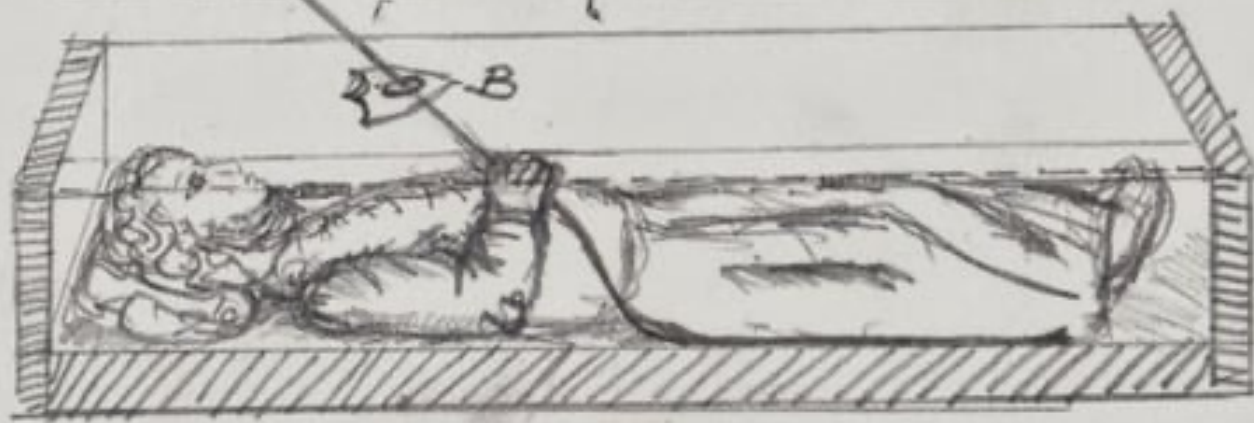


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No life without death 17

- Bethany by Jericho to Bethany of Judea (25mi)
- Jewish superstition – 4 days
- Certain but rarely convenient!
- Always too soon – for those you love!



*Optimism is hope in life –
Faith is hope in death!*



John 11:18 Now 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 Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary stayed at the house.



No life without Christ! 18-20

- Jerusalem – many friends – 1 hour easy walk
- Bury quickly (Edershiem) – grieve days!
- ‘console’ – with accounts or narratives
- Martha ran to meet – Mary stays at the house
- Dedication or Disappointment?



*“Nothing in life is so bad that
the resurrection won’t fix it!”*



John 11:21 Martha then said to Jesus,
“Lord, if You had been here, my
brother would not have died.



22 Even now I know that whatever
You ask of God, God will give You.”



No life before Christ 21,22

- Jesus was the only answer
- Focus on fixing life
- Affirmed her faith that God would have done...
- Martha was still looking at what might have been
- We must focus on what will be - 'in Christ!'



*“A dead Christ I must do everything for;
a living Christ does everything for me.”*
Andrew Murray



John 11:23,24 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.”



Shall I ransom them from the power of Sheol?
Shall I redeem them from death? O Death,
where are your thorns? O Sheol, where is
your sting? Hosea 13:14

1Cor 15:55

“O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O
DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?”



25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,



26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"



27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world."



No life after death w/o Christ 23-27

- Ultimate hope – Heaven!
- Shaken but not broken – I still believe
- Doctor not a doctrine!
- Not He was or He is – He will be!



*Genesis, Deuteronomy and Joshua
end with deaths –
the 4 Gospels all end with
The Resurrection!*



I AM the Resurrection & the Life!

- Reason to live
- Reason to share
- Reason to believe
- Reason to hope
- How do we live when God doesn't fix it?



LIFE AND LIFE TO COME - BOTH!

“If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.” 1Cor 15:19

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.” Php 1:21



*“Don’t fear death –
fear a life of no consequence!”*





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