AWalking Resurrection

Faith of a Child

"When the crowd gathered again, the people brought their children to see Jesus, hoping that He might grant them His blessing through His touch. His disciples turned them all away; but when Jesus saw this, He was incensed... "Let the children come to Me, and don't ever stand in their way, for this is what the kingdom of God is all about. Truly anyone who doesn't accept the kingdom of God as a little child does can never enter it. Jesus gathered the children in His arms and He laid His hands on them and blessed them." - Mark 10:13-16 VOICE 2

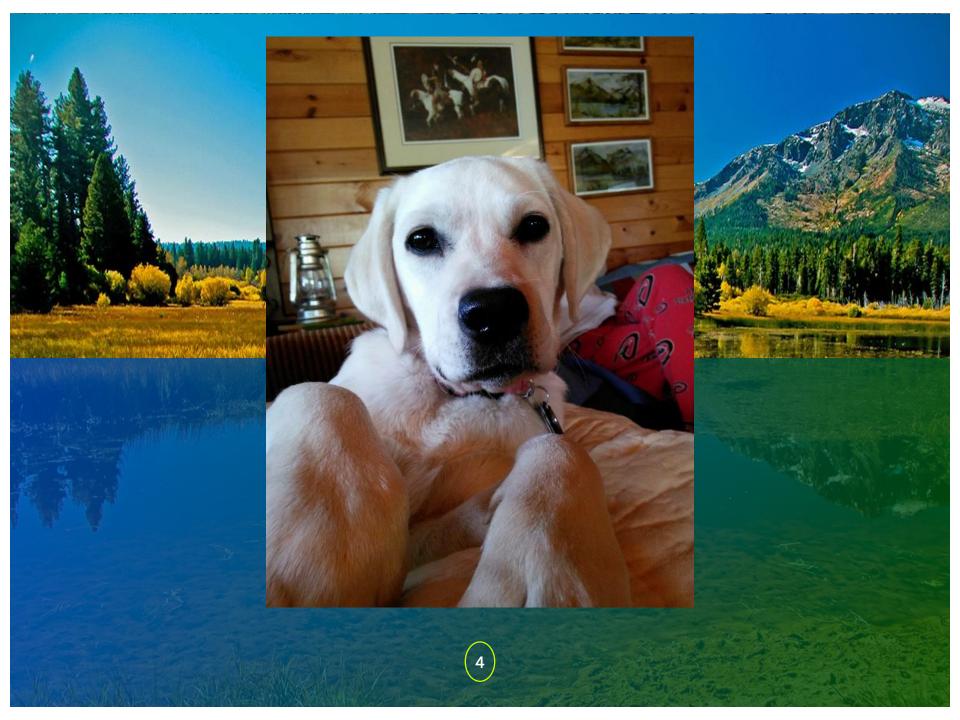




What do we do when God delays?

John 11





I am the Resurrection.

"Do you believe this?" What does resurrection mean to Martha and Mary? Their brother died and they knew a man who could have saved him... but he didn't. • "If you'd have been here, but you weren't. I still love you, still believe you are God... but you hurt me. You weren't here for me and if you had been, my brother would not have died." 5



Jesus wept.

"Where did you bury him?"

- "A deep anger welled up in him."
- Jesus wails in front of a tomb that he knows he is about to alter, transform, and completely change. And yet, he wails. Why?
- The end result does not change the pain we are presently in.



Roll away the stone.

"Didn't I tell you that if you will believe in me, you will see God unveil his power?"

 Four days was significant in Jewish culture. They believed resurrection was possible after three days, but after four days the body would be entombed and it was over.

But with Jesus, when it's over... it's not over.
When Jesus enters our average, ordinary day and wants to uncover and speak to the deepest pain in our lives, we PANIC.

Do we believe?

 The same faith we use to believe that we will one day go to heaven is the same faith that we need to exercise to believe that Jesus can move right now.

•We would rather keep the tomb on the dead spaces in our lives than be embarrassed by the possibility that He won't work a miracle.



Who is this Jesus?

- "Lazarus! Come out!"Resurrection is not an event, it is a person.
- Resurrection didn't happen to Jesus, resurrection came through Jesus.
- Have you stopped believing in the Jesus who wants to roll stones away today? Is it too late?
- •"Let the little children come to me."

