



I AM the Resurrection and the Life

Scriptures: John 11:25, 11:43, 2 Corinthians 5:21,
Luke 24:5-6, John 11:3-6, 21-27, 32-44, 53.

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5. In the story of Lazarus, there is a quick moment that connects to what we read in 1 Cor 15:54–55. In John 11:44, after raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus tells him to remove his grave clothes. What once belonged to death no longer fits someone who is alive. It's a powerful picture of what Jesus does in us. When he speaks, we respond. What is something in your life that feels like "grave clothes" you've been trying to take off? Would you say the thoughts or voices you're listening to are leading you toward life or keeping you stuck?
- a. In Luke 24:5–6, the question is asked: "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" Where do you find yourself going back to old patterns, hoping they'll bring new life? What's one simple way you can remind yourself today that you are made new in Christ?

TAKING IT HOME:

Because of Jesus, everything about our position has changed. Ephesians 2:6 says we are seated with Him. We are not striving to earn a place, but already welcomed in. His resurrection didn't just give us hope for the future; it changed who we are right now.

This is all because of His grace. His kindness reaching toward us again and again. He draws us into relationship, not out of obligation, but out of love. Love was always His reason. Relationship was always His goal. Freedom was always His plan. And new life is the result. Jesus did what we never could, He defeated death and now invites us to live without fear or doubt in where we stand with God.

This week, ask the Holy Spirit:

- What am I still holding onto that doesn't bring life?
- What do I need to surrender and let God renew?
- Am I looking for change in places that can't actually give life?
- What would it look like to live today *from* the victory Jesus already won?
- Who is one person I can share this hope with?