I Am...The Resurrection and the Life

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Today's Scripture: John 11:20-26

Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. ²¹ Now 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 of 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 at the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

BECAUSE JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE... WE EXPERIENCE THE GRACE OF GOD THAT BRINGS HOPE

"Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died."

"But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

"For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "God has put everything under His feet." I Cor 15:25-27

John in the Revelation tells us that "Death and Hell will be cast into the lake of fire." Rev 20:14

Death is an enemy, but it is a defeated foe.

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." John 11:25-26

"...knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him." Romans 6:9

"Yet a little while and the world will see me no more – but you will see me! Because I live, you shall live also." John 14:19

Faith enables us to claim the victory in Christ.

"I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

BECAUSE JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE... WE EXPERIENCE THE GOODNESS OF GOD THAT OFFERS HEALING

Jesus is proactive in dealing with our pain; He always reaches out to us.

Jesus stands with us as we go through grief.

Jesus stands for us, our advocate, as we face the grave.

"Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled." John 11:33

"And Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb." John 11:38

BECAUSE JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE... WE SEE THE GLORY OF GOD THAT BRINGS ETERNAL LIFE

"Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" John 11:40

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

"He was delivered over for our sins and raised for our justification." Romans 4:25