

April 20-21, 2019

“I AM...”

“All That God Promises to Be for You!”

“God replied to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel. I AM has sent Me to you.’” Exodus 3:14

“I AM the Resurrection and the Life”

“God Promises Eternal Life”

“Jesus told her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in Me will live, even after dying.’” John 11:25

A. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were friends of Jesus...

“Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.” John 11:5

1. Lazarus became very sick and they sent word to Jesus that His friend was sick.

“So the sisters sent word to Jesus, ‘Lord, the one You love is sick.’” John 11:3

2. But Jesus didn’t come and gave a different response.

“When He heard this, Jesus said, ‘This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.’” John 11:4

3. Instead of rushing to the side of Lazarus, He stayed several days.

“So when He heard that Lazarus was sick, He stayed where He was two more days,” John 11:6

4. When warned by the disciples of the danger in where He was headed, Jesus reminded them that His Light will keep them from stumbling.

“Jesus answered, ‘Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world’s light.’” John 11:9

B. Jesus brought comfort to Mary and Martha...

“and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.” John 11:19

1. Martha went out to meet Jesus first. She first shared her disappointment, but then she shared her faith.

“‘Lord,’ Martha said to Jesus, ‘if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give You whatever You ask.’” John 11:21-22

Later, when Mary was called to be with Jesus, Mary’s response was the same.

“When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet and said, ‘Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.’” John 11:32

And even later, the crowd had the same response!

“But some of them said, ‘Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’” John 11:37

2. Jesus’ response to Martha did not make sense to her.

“Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’” John 11:24

3. Martha shared her belief in the resurrection.

“Martha answered, ‘I know He will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.’”

4. Jesus made a proclamation that changed everything!
“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?’” John 11:25-26

Jesus said, “I Am the resurrection!” It is not an event, but a person!
Eternal life is not an abstract thought but a personal relationship!

Victory over death is a present reality!

C. Jesus came to reach down to us and to bring us eternal life...

“So the Word became human and made His home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen His glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.” John 1:14

1. Jesus loved us that much that He gave His life for us.

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

2. He gave His life for us and the only way for us to have that eternal life is to come into a relationship with Him.

“And this is the way to have eternal life—to know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the One You sent to earth.” John 17:3

3. When we have Jesus in our lives, we have the promise of eternal life with Him.

“And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God’s Son does not have life.” 1 John 5:11-12

4. And this is what He promised...eternal life!

“And this is what He promised us—eternal life.” 1 John 2:25

God’s timing may not be your timing...But God’s timing is perfect!
His delays are not denials. Neither death nor time are obstacles to Jesus! You can trust Him!

His methods may not be your methods...But God’s ways are perfect! You can trust Him!

He can handle your honesty! When you feel disappointed, discouraged, and depressed...be honest with God!
And then wait on Him! You can trust Him!

God is working to bring glory to Himself and eternal life to you!
You can trust Him!

Because He lives...we live! Because He is life...
we have life eternally!

**D. Jesus offers us that eternal life in a simple plan for
all to believe...**

1. **Admit** that you are a sinner.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Romans 3:23

2. **Believe** that Jesus died on the cross for your sins.

"For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is

Romans 10:10-11

3. **Confess** your sins to Jesus and be willing to turn
from your sins in repentance.

*"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe
saved." Romans 10:9*

4. **Decide** to receive Him into your heart as Lord and
Savior.

*"Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name,
He gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12*

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I
believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins.
I now invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust
and follow You as Lord and Savior.

In Jesus' name. Amen

If you have made a personal decision to receive Christ as
your Lord and Savior, you can –

- 1) Fill out an "I Choose Jesus" card that is in your
bulletin and hand it to us so we can celebrate with
you.
- 2) Or you can send us a text so we can celebrate with
you. **Simply Text: IChooseJesus To: 88202**

Next Week: April 28:

"I Am the Vine"

"God is Your Connection to Relationships!"

*"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in
them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing."*

John 15:5