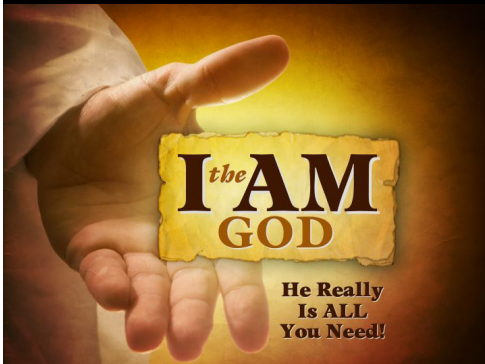




Dying?

Let Me Raise You

Lesson 5 • John 11

What's in a Name?

Everything We Will Ever Need When It's the Name of the "I Am" God!

Life-threatening crisis can come to any one of us at anytime...

What will you do when a life-threatening crisis enters your life or the life of a loved one?

Where are you going to turn? Or better...to **whom** are you going to turn?

1. A Life-Saving DESIRE John 11:1-3

2. A Life-Costing DELAY John 11:4-6

Four Lessons on the Lord's Delays in Life's Crisis

- 1) His delays are PLANNED. (v. 6)
- 2) His delays are PURPOSEFUL. (v. 4)
- 3) His delays are PERSONAL. (vv. 3, 5)
- 4) His delays are never PERMANENT / FINAL.

3. A Life-Threatening DECISION John 11:7-16

Five Lessons on Following the Lord into Life Threatening Situations

- 1) We are unstoppable until we have COMPLETED the work God has called us to do. (vv. 9-10)
- 2) The BEST place in all the world is the center of God's will, even if it is not always the safest. (v. 10)
- 3) Those who truly LOVE the Lord and others are willing to sacrifice their lives in serving others. (vv. 11-14; 15:12-14)
- 4) We do not seek martyrdom, but to fulfill the mission with a faith that obeys and a love that sacrifices. (v. 15-16)

"If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." Mark 8:34

"When Jesus calls a man to follow him he bids him come and die." ~Dietrich Bonhoeffer

- 5) For the faithful follower death is not the end, but the BEGINNING. (v. 11, 15)

"When I go down to the grave, I can say like so many others that I have finished my day's work; but I cannot say that I have finished my life. Another day's work will begin the next morning. The tomb is not a blind alley—it is a thoroughfare. It closes with the twilight to open with the dawn." ~Victor Hugo

4. Life-Revealing DECLARATIONS John 11:17-32

Three Life-Revealing Declarations by the I Am God:

- 1) *"I am the resurrection and the life."* (v. 25a)
- 2) *"He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."* (v. 25b)
- 3) *"And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."* (v. 26)

5. Life-Raising DEMANDS John 11:33-44

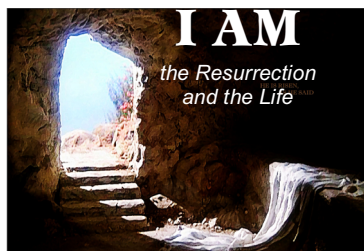
Four Demands Made by the I Am God in the Face of Death:

- 1) A demand regarding the **Place** of Death: *"Where have you laid him?"* (vv. 33-37)

Two Powerful Emotions Shown by Our LORD in the Face of Death:

- ↪ Human **SADNESS** over the loss of His beloved friend (v. 35)
- ↪ Holy **ANGER** at the consequences of sin and unbelief in who He really is. (v. 33, 36-38)

- 2) A demand regarding the **Perspective** of Death: *"Take away the stone!"* (vv. 38-42)
- 3) A demand regarding the **Permanence** of Death: *"Lazarus, come forth!"* (vv. 38-40)
- 4) A demand regarding the **Pull** of Death: *"Loose him, and let him go!"* (vv. 44)



God's Good News for Us This Easter

We can glorify the Father through faith in His Son in sickness and in health, in life and in death, and in the midst of the good, the bad, and the ugly of this sin-saturated world!

*For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21
Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.
2Corinthians 5:9*

Jesus Is the Resurrection and the Life; *Let Him Raise You!*

*"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.
Do you believe this?"*