

November Memory Verse: "25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"" **John 11:25–26 (ESV)**

Series: Jesus Is (35)

Title: The Resurrection and the Life

Scripture: John 11:17-57

How God Loves Us:

- 1. God always answers our prayers, his answer is yes or no. (v. 3)
 - a. God's plans are always better than our prayers. (Ezekiel 37:13; vs. 4, 14-15, 41-42)
 - b. God's plans are always for His glory and for our good. (v. 4)
- 2. The greatest way God shows us love is by giving us Jesus. (vs. 7, 17)
 - a. God will take anything away from us in order to give us Jesus. (vs. 21, 32, 37)
 - b. God knows that loving Him is the best thing for us. (John 14:21)
- 3. God gave resurrection to dead and dying people by giving them JESUS!
 - a. The resurrection is a person. (vs. 25-26)
 - b. Life is a person, Jesus. Get a life! (vs. 25-26)
 - c. Do you believe this glorious truth?

What God's Love through Jesus (the Resurrection and the Life) Means for Believers:

- 1. There will be a resurrection of the dead. (vs. 25-26; 1 Thess. 4:13-18)
- 2. When we know Jesus by faith, we need not fear the shadow of death.
- 3. Jesus perfectly identifies with us in every way: in our weakness, in our grief, even when we don't "get it," in life, death, and resurrection. (vs. 33-35, 38)
- 4. We can tell Jesus our pain, ask Him our questions, listen to His response, believe His Word, and our hearts will be comforted, encouraged and strengthened. (Mary & Martha)
- 5. True faith takes God at His Word and thereby releases God's power. (vs. 39-41a)
- 6. We have resurrection life, so we do not stay in our grave clothes. (v. 44)

How to respond to the love of Jesus (What do we do?): (vs. 45-46)

- 1. Believe Jesus, take Him at His Word, be saved by His grace. (v. 45)
- 2. Refuse Jesus, do not yield to truth, the grace of God passes by. (v. 46)



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What happens when we refuse and deny the truth: (vs. 47-57)

- 1. We try to protect our own common interests and become an enemy of truth. (vs. 47-48)
- 2. We are capable of planning and committing evil. (vs. 49-50, 53, 57)
- 3. What we mean for evil God uses for good. (vs. 51-52, 54)
- 4. The very interests we seek to protect we end up destroying. (v. 56)

