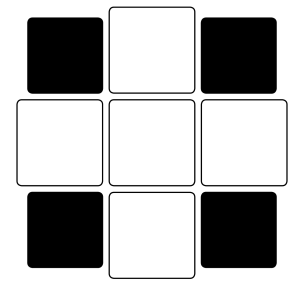


The Resurrection Changes Everything

Scripture: **John 11:17-27**

Sunday, April 1, 2018



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Overview

Only the resurrected Savior can give life to the dead.

Corroborating Texts

John 8:51, John 5:24, 1 Corinthians 15:3-5, Romans 1:4, Acts 2:24

Discussion Questions

1. Martha and Mary had to endure Jesus delaying his arrival until after their brother was dead, which Martha questioned in v. 21 (“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”). Perhaps not related to a death in the family, but how have you experienced a similar delay? What was the result? [when we pray, the answer God gives isn’t always “yes.” It’s often “no” or “not yet.” God’s goal is to reveal his glory, as John 11:4 states]
2. Martha understands her brother Lazarus will be resurrected in the end (“on the last day”). In vv. 25–26, what does Jesus explain? How would this have been meaningful to her?
3. We are quick to remember Jesus’ death on the cross as the atonement for our sins. How often do you consider Jesus’ resurrection—and thus our victory—over death and sin? Why is our belief in the Gospel incomplete without believing in the resurrection?

4. Q&A 45 of the Heidelberg Catechism says:

How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?

First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death.

Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life.

Third, Christ’s resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

How does this encourage you?

5. Pastor Joe stated that, in reality, every Sunday and even every day is “Easter” for us. How is this true?