



John 11: Jesus is Like Resurrection

Leap of Faith, Part 4

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LEAP of FAITH — If you try it for real you eventually leap into something hard (think brick wall) that makes you say "ouch".

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

⁶ So when He heard that he was sick, He then stayed two days longer in the place where He was.

John 11:5-6

1. GOD DOES WHAT HE DOES BECAUSE OF LOVE... always and without exception.

²¹ Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² 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 on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world."

John 11:21-27

2. THE ACT & ART OF WAITING — is crucial, must master it, commit to it, get it...

* Avalanche v. Glacier principle – some of the stuff God is working on is so big that it can't fit into our time frames.

* In the end, no matter what our thoughts on healing, suffering, prayer are, we have to live in a place of mystery. God is sovereign. Yet, we see stuff he did not intend, that breaks his heart... "if you would have been here my brother would not have died"... the answer is "I am," the question is "do you believe?"

³² Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled, ³⁴ and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept. John 11:32-35

3. PRESENCE IS EVERYTHING.

⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴² "I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me." John 11:40-42

4. IT'S ALL IN JESUS... the glory, the longing, the hope. When you put it elsewhere, eventually your house of cards falls apart, but when we entrust ourselves to Him...

✓ adios death

✓ "see the glory"

✓ Free to change the world

HOW TO — Suggestions on doing life with "I am the Resurrection"

With #1 — What "if you had been here..." do I need to bring to Jesus?

With #2 — Say it: I am in... maybe get baptized, start an "I'm in" signifying practice (Give, group, invite)

With #3 — Where am I called to be "present"?

What am I to wade into in Jesus' name?

With #4 — Worship Jesus like never before...

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