

CHRIST IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

John 11:25

I AM the Resurrection and the Life

- There are many unique **names** of Christ within the 4 Gospels, especially the 7 names in John:
 - *I Am the Bread of Life (6:35)*
 - *I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life (14:6)*
- Here we see the unique name: **Resurrection and Life (11:25)**, what does it mean? And how does it relate to our daily life? Why do we celebrate resurrection in Easter? (not rabbit I hope)





Resurrection in the Bible

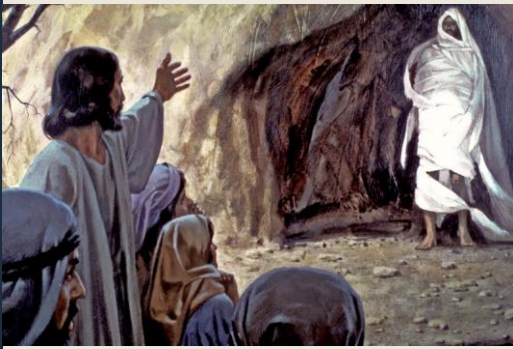


- Jesus' resurrection was **unique** among all the recorded resurrections in the bible
- When the OT **prophets** raised people from the dead (i.e. 1 King 17:21-22; 2 King 4:32-37) those people nevertheless would die again, same as Lazarus here.
- Resurrection is the omnipotent power of God on display. It demonstrates that God has the **power** over corruption, sickness, and even death.

A Different Kind of Resurrection

- (Phil. 3:20-21) However, Jesus was referring to a different kind of resurrection here (v. 24-26). He was referring to a **total victory** over death.
- (1 Cor. 15:20-26) A **new body** that will not see corruption or death again (Rev. 20:3-4), as Jesus had received in His resurrection.
- This demonstrates more than just **power** over sickness and death, but God's power over the core of death itself—**sin** (1 Cor. 15:51-57)





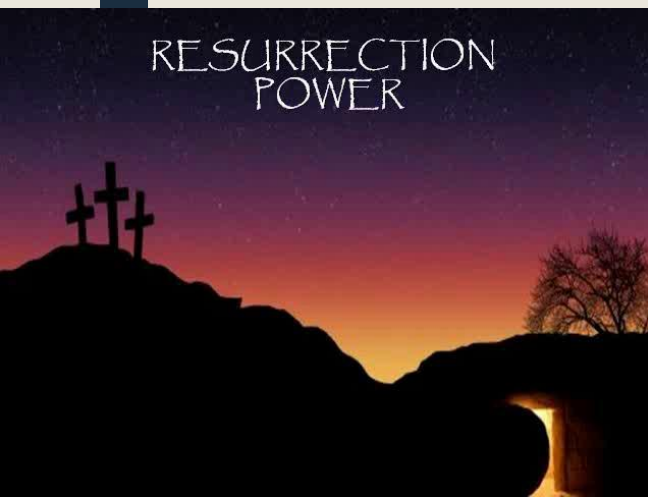
Jesus is the Giver of Life

- God is the one who can **give life** (Rom. 8:11)
- Life itself is a **gift** from God, your every breath is a blessing from God. What have you done with this gift? (1 Cor. 15:47-58)
- Not just that Jesus is life, but He has the power to give us **a new life**—a **second life**. (2 Cor. 5:17)
- Your new life will come with a **new nature** (2 Peter 1:3-4) and a **new identity** (Eph. 1:3-14)



God—the Giver of Life

- Moreover, this new life that God has given us is a **victorious life** (Phil. 3:10) with His resurrection power (Eph. 1:19-20)
- Sadly as we embrace this power with our new nature and identity, our old sinful habits linger (Col. 3:9)
- But are you willing to have this **power**? (Rom. 6:3-8) Are you willing to let your old self die?



Conclusion—A New Life

- Jesus has conquered both sin and death.
- Have you ever received a **new life** from Jesus?
- Like Lazarus, we cannot go anywhere so long as our **old self** is still **binding us**. (holding us back)
Are you living a **victorious life** today? (John 10:10)
- Notice Jesus did not **unbind** Lazarus by Himself—
He called others to do so (v.44)
- It is our **responsibility** to remove what binds us to death—and for each other as well

