



Week 3 – The Resurrection and the Life

Announcements

301 Biblical Foundations – It's not too late! Join us this coming Monday at 7:00 pm for your third step in the Pathway and grow in your understanding of the Bible.

Men's Night 2015: March Mania – Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00PM at the Little Creek Campus. Activities, competitions and food start at 6:00PM. Join our speaker, Tommy Barnett, Senior Pastor of Phoenix First Assembly of God Church and co-founder of the Los Angeles Dream Center. Grab a friend and join us! ChurchoftheKing.com/mensnight.

Warm-up

If money was not an issue, what would you do with your life? Why?

Many of us face challenges that have caused us to lose focus of God's dream for our lives. However, with God all things are possible. Today we are going to be discussing Jesus' statement, "*I am the resurrection and the life*" (John 11:25). We will discover that if God can defeat death, he can give us victories in our lives.

Word and Application

In this weekend's sermon, we learned how Jesus resurrected Lazarus from death (John 11:1-44). From this story we explored **three ways we may be dying on the inside, followed by how our lives can be resurrected.**

Read John 11:16. The first way we often find ourselves dying is from *our doubts*. In this verse we read about how the Disciple Thomas doubted Jesus' plan to go see Lazarus.

What are some of the spiritual doubts with which you wrestle? How can you overcome these doubts?

Read John 11:17. This verse speaks of the timing of Jesus' arrival at Lazarus' tomb. His followers doubted Jesus because of his timing. However, we see that Jesus had a perfect plan and perfect timing for this situation.

How have you experienced the truth that *God's delays are not God's denials*?

Read John 11:20. Mary sat in her house because she was discouraged and did not believe there was still hope for her situation.

Read John 11:22 to hear how Martha responded when Jesus showed up. Martha trusted that- despite the seemingly impossible circumstances-anything was possible with Jesus.

Do you tend to respond to challenging situations like Mary did (discouraged) or like Martha did (hopeful)? Why?

In this weekend's message, Pastor Steve said, *"The resurrection is a person, not just an event. It's not just what Jesus does, it's who he is."* What does this statement mean to you?

Jesus can bring the dead areas of your life alive. What dead ends are you facing right now? How can we pray with you to help you experience Jesus' resurrection power in these areas?

What is one thing you will do this week as a result of our discussion today?

Prayer

Close with a prayer by committing to trust Jesus despite your circumstances. Also, take time to pray for specific prayer requests people in your small group may want to share.