

Jesus, The Resurrection and the Life

Text: John 11:17-27

Context - Right before the passion week, Jesus visits his friends in Bethany after he hears about the death of Lazarus.

Main Idea - Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Because Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life...

1. _____ completely in him (vs. 25)

- A. The word "believe" shows up four times in vs. 25-27. The greek word, pisteuo, means to have faith in, be convinced of, trust, rely on, have confidence in.
- B. Pisteuō in the New Testament always concerns believing in God and Christ; therefore, it signifies absolute confidence and trust, complete surrender, and heartfelt obedience. Thoralf Gilbrant, "ΠΙΣΤΕΥΩ," The New Testament Greek-English Dictionary, The Complete Biblical Library

2. _____ in submission to him (vs. 26a)

- A. The focus here is to "live" in Christ, who is himself "life." To live in Christ is to abide in Him in continual submission to His Lordship.
- B. The sad truth is that there are many who claim to have believed on Christ who have never lived in Christ.

3. _____ a decision (vs. 26b)

- A. Jesus asked Martha, "do you believe this?" Pressing her and all who study this passage to ask the same question for themselves.
- B. Salvation in Christ is not automatic, but must involve repentance of sin and a professed faith in Christ as savior and lord. Have you personally reached a decision about Jesus?