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John 11:23-25 *"Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."*

1. Jesus is *Always* the "I Am" in Your Life

- Whatever your need is, Jesus can meet that need
- To those thirsty, He is the living water, to those hungry, He is the Bread of Life, to those in the dark, He is the Light, etc.
- He is the Great I Am!

2. Jesus is *the* Life – vs. 25

- John 1:4 "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."
- Understand two words from a biblical perspective:
 - A. Death – Romans 5:17 – the "one man" refers to the first Adam. The "One" is Jesus. In Adam we all inherit death
 - Just as Adam died the day he ate the fruit, we are also dead to God spiritually
 - B. Last-Adam – I Cor. 15:45. Jesus is the "last Adam"
 - Just as the first Adam was the beginning of an entire race of sinners, the last Adam was the beginning for a race of children of God

3. Jesus is *the* Resurrection – vs. 25

3 Aspects of the Resurrection:

- A. Jesus' personal resurrection – Luke 24:7. We can trust that He gives us eternal life because He demonstrated His power over death through the physical resurrection!
- B. Our Resurrection with Him – Rom. 6:4. Through being baptized (immersed) with Christ, we died with Him and have resurrection life with Him!
- C. Future Resurrection – John 11:24. First resurrection is when we are all changed at the rapture and receive resurrection bodies (we are with Christ before this already). The Second resurrection is for judgement for those outside of Christ at the Great White Throne judgment (Rev. 20).

Questions:

1. By the time Jesus came, Lazarus had already been dead for four days. Martha seemed disappointed He had been so long in coming. Things had not gone the way she had hoped for or wanted. Has there been times in your life where you've been disappointed or even angry that you felt God hadn't handled things the way you had wanted?
2. In your own words, describe why Jesus is referred to as the "last Adam." How does this contrast sharply with the first?
3. Given that Jesus is the resurrection, how does this give us confidence in living today? Why is the bodily (real and physical) resurrection of Jesus such an important doctrine?

Prayer: *"Father, thank you that you are the Great I Am and Your Son, Jesus, is also the I Am that we serve. Thank you that He is the resurrection and the life and that we have resurrection life in Him. Thank you that by your grace we have been baptized into Christ and have shared in His death and resurrection. Help me to live my life for Him every day. In Jesus' name, amen!"*