

**The Resurrection is not an EVENT –
It is a PERSON.**

Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

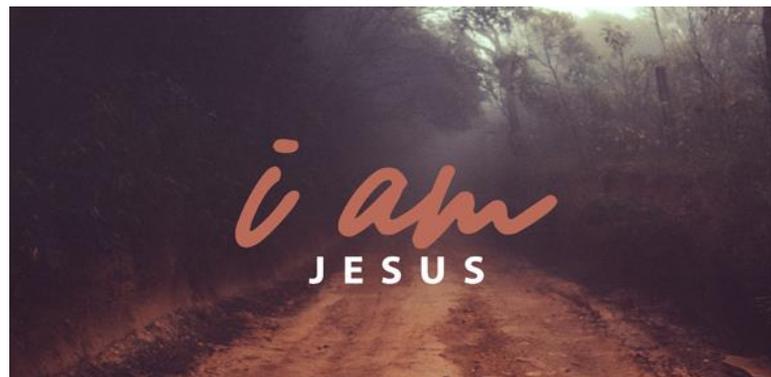
⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

John 11:40-44 (NIV)

DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?

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What is an “I AM” Statement?

God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.” Exodus 3:14 (NLT)

*For the LORD is God,
and he created the heavens and earth
and put everything in place.
He made the world to be lived in,
not to be a place of empty chaos.
“I am the LORD,” he says,
“and there is no other.”
Isaiah 45:18 (NLT)*

*“Remember the things I have done in the past.
For I alone am God!
I am God, and there is none like me.”
Isaiah 46:9 (NLT)*

Gospel of John – 7 x's

Today's "I AM" Story

*Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha...³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."
John 11:1, 3 (NIV)*

When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." John 11:4 (NIV)

THREE DEAD ENDS

1. Dead in your DOUBTS.

*Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."
John 11:16 (NIV)*

2. Dead in your DISCOURAGEMENT.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. John 11:20 (NIV)

3. Dead in the DELAY.

*On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days...²¹ "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died."
John 11:17, 21 (NIV)*

THREE TURNING POINTS

MARTHA: John 11:22-26 (NIV)

*But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."
²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."
²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."*

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

MARY: John 12:3 (NIV)

Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

THOMAS: John 20:28 (NIV)

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"