



I AM

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

Hebrews 13:8

I AM the Resurrection and the Life

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.’” John 11:25

Death and despair. Distressed and disappointed. Lazarus had passed away, leaving Mary & Martha alone. The town had gathered to mourn his loss and comfort the sisters. Where was Jesus? Why didn't He come when summoned? He knew Lazarus was ill. He's healed so many others. So what happened? Jesus did not show up when the sisters had expected.

Can you relate? Have you cried out to Jesus asking for help, only not to see an answer? Have you remembered all the things you've seen God do, only to wonder where He was when you needed Him? Did you expect a certain outcome only to be disappointed instead? You wondered what happened and felt distressed and even in despair. You thought the promise of God died and there was no hope, and you found yourself asking “Where are you God?”

Four days after Lazarus died, Jesus finally shows up. Martha heard Jesus arrived and ran out to meet Him. “‘Lord,’ Martha said to Jesus, ‘if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.’” (John 11:21-22) Notice what Martha said, she acknowledged the healing power of Jesus, for she had seen Him heal so many before. But this situation was different, Lazarus was already dead. Yet she chose to believe that Jesus could still work a miracle. That kind of faith pleases God.

Martha chose to have faith despite how hopeless and impossible the situation looked. She believed that Jesus is who He says He is and that He could do whatever He says. She believed Jesus when He said “What is impossible with man is possible with God.” (Luke 18:27) Jesus stood in front of the tomb, asked for it to be opened, then commanded Lazarus to come forth. Out came Lazarus, wrapped in grave cloths and was raised to life again!

The truth of Jesus and His power is also true for you and whatever situation you are in. If it seems hopeless, choose to hold onto hope and believe that God can do whatever He says. If you are scared, run to Jesus in faith and give Him your fear. Remember this truth, that what is impossible for you is possible with God! While you are waiting for Jesus to appear on your behalf, rest in who He is and in His promises. Don't worry if He seems late. He is never late. He is ready to work a miracle on your behalf as you hold onto faith!

Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:20-28 • Hebrews 6:13-20, 11:17-19

Ephesians 1:17-23, 2:1-10 • Romans 6:1-14

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