

Bible Class Notes – From John’s Gospel– Lesson 42

The ‘I AM’ Sayings of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This week we continue lessons which teach the almighty saving power of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, “I am the Resurrection and the Life, he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live”. John 11 v25

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

| Day | Bible Reading | Tick When Read |
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| Sunday | John 11 v1-16 (Lazarus is very ill and dies) | |
| Monday | John 11 v17-29 (Martha goes to meet the Lord) | |
| Tuesday | John 11 v30-46 (The Lord raises Lazarus to Life) | |
| Wednesday | John 11 v47-57 (The Pharisees’ murderous plans) | |
| Thursday | 1 Corinthians 15 v1-20 (Paul saw the risen Christ) | |
| Friday | 1 Corinthians 15 v21-41 (Enemy of Death destroyed) | |
| Saturday | 1 Corinthians 15 v42-58 (Christ’s victory gives Life) | |

Important Lesson for us Today:

The Bible speaks of 3 types of Death; 2 are certain for all, but the 3rd is for those who reject God.

1. **Spiritual death** - from our birth all are dead to God; we do not love Him or want Him in our life.
2. **Physical death** - the death of our body which ends this life - the gateway to eternity for our soul.
3. **Eternal death** - if we have not trusted that the Lord Jesus Christ suffered and died for our sins **before** our physical death then we must face God’s judgement for our sin (**Hebrews 9v27**), and be sent away from God, to Hell, for all eternity. Our conscience, which remembers all our sin, will show us the fairness and holiness of God, and that we deserve this punishment. (**Rom 2v15-16**)

Do not reject God as so many do today. Hear God’s gracious call and repent now, while you live. Have your sinful soul made perfect so as to enjoy Eternal Life with Him in His holy home, Heaven.

This week’s hymn verses tells of The Lord Jesus Christ – The Resurrected Lord: (278)

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| 1. Jesus lives! Thy terrors now Can no longer, Death, appal us; Jesus lives! By this we know, Thou, O Grave, canst not enthrall us. | 3. Jesus lives! For He died; Then, alone to Jesus living, Pure in heart may we abide, Glory to our Saviour giving. |
| 2. Jesus lives! Henceforth is death But the gate of life immortal; This shall calm our trembling breath, When we pass it’s gloomy portal. | 4. Jesus lives! Our hearts know well, Nought from us His love shall sever; Life, nor death, nor powers of hell, Tear us from His keeping, ever. |

The Resurrection and The Life – Escape from Death.

• Where did Death come from?

- God created Adam with a perfect eternal soul - free to obey or disobey Him.
- Adam clearly knew of God’s warning that he would die, both physically and spiritually, if he disobeyed God. But he wilfully sinned, and so:
 - His soul’s relationship with God died immediately.
 - His body aged over time and died later.
- This event brought death into our world. We inherit Adam’s lost condition, and live sinful lives which deserve the Wages of Sin, Eternal Death. (**Rom 6 v23**)
- Lazarus, a true Christian and follower of the Lord died physically; his Christian sisters knew the grief of losing a much loved brother to death.
- Not even Christians escape physical death - for themselves or losing a loved one.

• Yet Jesus said “I am the Resurrection and The Life”.

- The Lord delayed healing Lazarus, allowing him to die physically, so that when He raised him from the dead it would demonstrate the absolute power that He had over:
 - our physical death (**John 11 v4,15**)
 - our eternal life (**John 11 v24**)
- Mary and Martha believed this already. (**John 11 v24**)
- Christ demonstrated His saving and resurrecting power when He gave up His life on the cross to save His People from their sins, and then by taking back His own life when He rose again 3 days later. (**Matthew 27 v50, Ch28 v6**)

• Wonderful News - There is a Way of Escape from Eternal Death!

- When we accept God’s free offer of forgiveness, mercy and love through repentance and faith in Christ’s death for lost sinners on Calvary:
 - Then our souls will have been made alive spiritually by Almighty God (Born Again) restoring us to a personal and living relationship with Him.
 - God tells us our name is in His ‘**Book of Life**’ - never to die spiritually again.
 - When we physically die believers will, at the Last Day when Christ returns, be given a resurrected body; free from all sin, illness, and pain - enabled to enjoy Eternal Life in Heaven, with the Lord, for ever. **Oh, what joy!**

The Lord Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” **John 5:24**