

The Resurrection and the Life

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John 11:17-44

- I. "O Death, where is thy sting? O Grave, where is thy victory?"
 - A. A confession of faith (see Luke 10:38-42; John 12:1-3)
 - B. At the tomb (see Genesis 49:29; Judges 2:10; 2 Samuel 2:32; 17:23; 21:14; 2 Kings 22:20)
 - C. The answered prayers of Jesus Christ (see Psalm 118:17-18)
 - D. "Lazarus, come out"

- II. Death is reversed
 - A. The issue of resurrection is resolved
 - B. The identity of Jesus as the Christ is demonstrated
 - C. We await a resurrection which will set all things right (see Revelation 7:16-17; 21:1-4)

- III. Grief is transformed
 - A. "Our friend Lazarus is asleep" (see Matthew 9:24; 27:52; Acts 7:60; 13:36; 1 Corinthians 11:30; 15:6, 18; 1 Thessalonians 4, 5; also Psalm 17:15; Daniel 12:2)
 - B. We do not grieve as those who have no hope (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13; John 14:2)
 - C. We can face death unafraid (see Ecclesiastes 7:2; Acts 7:60)

- IV. Life is transformed
 - A. "Everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." (see John 4:23; 5:24-25)
 - B. We can live for the very long term
 - C. "Unbind him, and let him go." (see 2 Corinthians 5:17)