

A close-up photograph of a hand holding an open book. The book is held vertically, and the pages are slightly fanned out. A bright, golden light source is positioned behind the book, creating a dramatic lens flare effect with several rays of light extending upwards and outwards. The background is dark, making the light and the book stand out. The overall mood is spiritual and reverent.

BOOK *of* JOHN

OUR FINAL FOE (PART 2)

John 11:17-40

THE FIFTH "I AM" STATEMENT OF THE LORD

- Here we find a hurting family dealing with the death of a brother.
- All of whom Jesus deeply loved, individually loved!
- In Mary and Martha, we see the need to have a balanced life: both serving and sitting, praying and producing, working and worshipping.
- Jesus answers the *"if"* question, saying in Him death is defeated, giving us the hope of the Resurrection!

THE RESURRECTION IS REAL

The resurrection of the human body is a cardinal doctrine in the orthodox Jewish faith, as well as the Christian faith.

- Jesus completely transformed the doctrine of the resurrection and, in so doing, brought great comfort to Martha's heart.
- Firstly, Jesus brought the doctrine of the resurrection out of the shadows of the Old Testament and into the light of the New.

THE RESURRECTION IS PERSONAL

While we thank God for what the Bible teaches—and all Martha had at the time was the Old Testament—today we realize that we are saved by the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and not by a doctrine written in a book.

- In Jesus Christ, every doctrine is made personal (**1 Cor. 1:30**) and moved from the past to the present!
- Martha responded personally by faith. *She used three different titles* for Jesus: ***Lord, Christ*** or ***Messiah***, and ***Son of God***.

WHY ALL THE TEARS

- Mary did not say much because she was overcome with sorrow and began to weep, naturally.
- Her friends joined in the weeping, as Jewish people are accustomed to do.
- “Jesus wept” is the shortest and yet the deepest verse in Scripture.
- Our Lord’s weeping reveals the humanity of the Savior. He has lived all of our pain and knows how we feel; He joins us in our sorrow. **Isaiah 53:3**

WHAT DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE?

Jesus says: **“I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.”**

Do you believe this?

- He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. **Do you believe this?**
- LAZARUS SHALL LIVE AGAIN. **Do you believe this?**
- The central verity/truth of Christianity is that Christ from above is the giver of eternal life to all who put their trust in Him. **Do you believe this?**

FAITH . . . BELIEVING IS SEEING

Biblical Christianity is not some theory or philosophy of religion.

- Faith is the link between the Lord Jesus and our soul.
- The Bible makes it very clear that we are born dead and we cannot produce eternal life out of that death.
- Don't miss His claim: "I [I and I alone, I and no other] am the resurrection and the life."

Do you believe this?