

## I AM The Resurrection & The Life – John 11:1-57

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### Introduction

1. The I AM series is meant for us to take anchor in who Jesus is. Jesus paints for us a picture of how He helps us, what He offers us and how we as Christians can become like Him.
  - a. We are invited by Jesus to anchor ourselves in Him and to absorb His life...
- I. **Jesus's Friend Is Sick (v1-2)**
  - a. Jesus hears of Lazarus a close friend that he is deathly sick. Jesus was very close to this family of Mary, Martha and Lazarus.
- II. **For The Glory of God (v3-4)**
  - a. The "one you love" – Jesus showed his love openly
  - b. Jesus said the sickness would ultimately end in his friend's death but for the glory of God
- III. **Jesus Heads Toward Bethany (v5-17)**
  - a. Knowing Lazarus would die Jesus waited to travel two more days.
  - b. Jesus then heads back to Bethany where His life was in great danger
- IV. **The World's Picture Of Death (v18-24)**
  - a. Jesus meets with Martha and Mary and both believed that if Jesus would have been there Lazarus would not have died. They were in the midst of despair and with no hope.
  - b. The world says death is final and therefore we fear it greatly. But Jesus says death is not the end but a beginning to a new experience.
  - c. Death is a picture of darkness to the world. (And it is without Jesus) Jesus says death does not have to be final and that there is life after death!
- V. **I AM The Resurrection And The Life (v25-27)**
  - a. Jesus proclaims that He has power over death and gives life even when we die on earth.
  - b. God works to bring life long before death so that in death we pass from the land of the dead to the world of the living! We have had it backwards!
  - c. Jesus is our anchor that even in death we have hope, life and salvation.
- VI. **Jesus Is Always Present (v28-32)**
- VII. **Jesus Shows His Love (v33-36)**
  - a. Jesus wept because He loved Lazarus so! He died on the cross to prove it for you and me.
  - b. Jesus came to save us from sin and death (1 Corinthians 15:25-26)
- VIII. **Death Stinks! (v37-42)**
- IX. **Jesus Brings The Dead To Life (v43-44)**
  - a. Here is the power of God! This is what God wants to do! To share His power to bring the dead back to life! Real life. A life of forgiveness, love, hope, without fear in His grace
- X. **What Can We Absorb From Jesus?**
  - a. Presence Of Jesus – We never walk alone and we must practice this in our walk
  - b. Faithfulness of Jesus – He keeps His promises! What has He promised us? We should trust in His promises!
  - c. Discipleship Challenge: How do I live in a resurrection life? How did Mary and Martha live seeing Lazarus alive every day? By sharing that joy with others!