

## SO, YOU THINK YOU KNOW JESUS?!

### Getting to Know the SAVIOR You Need!

#### Message 7: Your Power For LIFE—Today and Forever!

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John 11:20-27

**John 11:25-26** *“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in Me, though they die, yet shall they live. And those who live and believe in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”*

**Big Idea: You can get up now!**

**“I am the resurrection: I am the author or the cause of the resurrection. It so depends on my power and will, that it may be said that I am the resurrection itself. This is a most expressive way of saying that the whole doctrine of the resurrection came from him, and the whole power to effect it was his.”** (Barnes' Notes)

Raising Lazarus proved Jesus' claim! Then, Lazarus became a problem ... we saw last week ... so many believed because of this miracle ...

**“The plan succeeded brilliantly except for one detail that Caiaphas and his fellow leaders either overlooked or refused to believe: in arranging Jesus' death, they handed Him an opportunity to prove once and for all that He had spoken the truth when He said, "I am the resurrection and the life." [Word In Life SB]**

**ME: I need the hope that Jesus has the Power to help me now! ...**

**WE: You need that hope too ... You can get up now! You can LIVE Now! And you have hope for eternity!**

**“A man can become so selfish that he is dead to the needs of others. A man can become so insensitive that he is dead to the feelings of others. A man can become so involved in the petty dishonesties and the petty disloyalties of life, that he is dead to honour. A man can become so hopeless that he is filled with an inertia, which is spiritual death. Jesus Christ can resurrect these men. The witness of history is that he has resurrected millions and millions of people like them and his touch has not lost its ancient power.” [Barclay Commentary]**

**He can take our dead hopes, and revive them. He can take our dormant relationships, and revitalize them. He can transform the spiritually indifferent, redirect the life of the sinner, and bring a vibrant newness to every dead area within our lives.**

**THE QUESTION: What has the resurrection done for you? The Implications of the resurrection: by Adrian Warnock, Risen With Christ**

**Acts 4:33** *“With great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the LORD Jesus”*

**Acts 2:24** *“God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it!”*

#### **1. You Get the Holy Spirit! He is available to all believers!**

**Acts 2:33** *“Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing!”*

#### **2. His Healing Power is Available to You NOW! Today!**

*“And you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. Tho this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all!” (Acts 3:15-16)*

*“By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well! (Acts 4:10)*

#### **3. Salvation/Conversion is Available to You!**

*“God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning everyone of you from your wickedness!” (Acts 3:26)*

*“This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved!” (Acts 4:11-12)*

#### **4. God Grants You Repentance and Forgiveness!**

*“The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins” (Acts 5:30-31)*

**5. Jesus Gives You Extraordinary Confidence that You will be welcomed into Heaven by Himself (Acts 7:55-56, 59) “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit”**

**6. Even the Greatest, Most Hardened Sinner Can Be Converted By and Encounter with the Risen Christ! E.g. Paul! From persecuting Pharisee to passionate preacher! ... “He is the Son of God!” Acts 9:20**

**7. Jesus Commissions and Sends Messengers Into the World to Declare the Good News! (Acts 10:39-42)(Matthew 28:18-20)**

**8. YOU RECEIVE THE POWER TO BE SET FREE!**

*Acts 13:37-39 “He whom God raised up did not see corruption. Let it be known to you therefore, brethren, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the Law of Moses!”*

**9. You have Full Assurance and Confidence in the Truth of the Gospel!**

*Acts 17:30-31 “God commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead!”*

#### **SUMMARY**

**The Sending of the Spirit (Acts 2:33)**

**Physical Healings (Acts 3:15-16)**

**The Conversion of Sinners (Acts 3:26)**

**Salvation By Union with Jesus (Acts 4:11-12)**

**Jesus’ Role as the Leader/Head of His Church (Acts 5:30-31; 9)**

**Forgiveness of sins(Acts 5:30-31)**

**Comfort for the Dying (Acts 7)**

**The Commissioning of Gospel Messengers (Acts 9; 10:42)**

**Freedom from the Penalty and Power of Sin (Acts 13:37-39)**

**Assurance that the Gospel is True (Acts 17:31)**

**Assurance of Our Own Resurrection (Acts 17:31)**

**Assurance of Jesus’ Future Judgment of this World (Acts 17:31)**

**Romans 6:11-13 .. dead to sin, alive to God!**

**--without death there is no resurrection**

**--without death there is no experience of Jesus’ Resurrection Life in You!**

**Galatians 2:20**

**The Greatest Need of the Church and our World today is to connect with the resurrection power seen in Acts ...**

**JESUS VIDEO PROJECT STORIES:**

**YOU: Receive this Resurrection Power ... Claim it! Live in Union with his death and resurrection ... Gal 2:20**

**WE: Vision: Be like the early believers:**

**PT: I believe the current chapters of the book of Acts of the Risen Jesus through His Church is being recorded in heaven today. What will they write about us? I want it to be bold, radical ... exciting ... full of faith, love, and effective, miraculous outreach to our community and beyond ...**

**John 11:25-26 (The Message)**

*<sup>25-26</sup>“You don't have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all. Do you believe this?”*