

CREW GUIDE: EASTER | THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

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THE PLOT TO KILL JESUS

WHAT WAS THE MOMENT THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS BEGAN PLOTTING TO KILL JESUS?

- ... MATTHEW, MARK, and LUKE say it was his miracles and his teachings that got him killed
- ... JOHN pinpoints the exact miracle and the exact moment they plotted to kill JESUS

JOHN 11:45-57 (ESV)

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." ... So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

SO WHAT WAS THE MOMENT?

THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS

JESUS RESURRECTED THREE PEOPLE:

- > THE SON OF A WIDOW IN NAIN (LUKE 7:11)
- > JAIRUS' DAUGHTER (LUKE 8:40)
- > LAZARUS (JOHN 11)

JOHN 11:1-4 (ESV)

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

- > BETHANY MEANS "PLACE OF THE AFFLICTED"
- > LAZARUS MEANS "GOD WILL HELP"

JOHN 11:38-44 (ESV)

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

FULLY ALIVE IN JESUS.

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"

JOHN 11:21-27 (ESV)

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, **"I am the resurrection and the life.** Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

> THE RESURRECTION

SADDUCEES VIEW

- _ no resurrection
- _ life is temporary communion with GOD
- _ when you die, you go to the place of the shadow ... an empty existence
- _ "you" live on in the legacy of your children

PHARISEES' VIEW

- _ there will be a resurrection at the end of all time
- _ some will be raised for life
- _ some will be raised for judgement

MARTHA

"yeah so one day he'll rise again."

JESUS ... "I AM the resurrection"

> THE LIFE

BIOLOGICALLY

- _ search for life in outer space
- _ search for life in a petri dish
- _ search for a way to create life

PURPOSE & QUALITY OF LIFE

- _ what is the meaning of life?
- _ what is the good life?

COLOSSIANS 1:16-17 (ESV)

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

PHILIPPIANS 3:8 (ESV)

Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

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JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-8, 14 (ESV)

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

...

And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

- > he was betrayed and captured
- > he was beaten beyond recognition
- > they mocked him and placed a crown of thorns on his head
- > they forced him to carry a cross to GOLGOTHA ... the place of the skull
- > they pierced his side, and water and blood came out
- > they buried him, and rolled a heavy stone in front of the tomb

FIVE THEORIES OF WHAT HAPPENED

- > SWOON — he passed out, but didn't die
- > CONSPIRACY — the disciples lied
- > HALLUCINATION — the disciples were seeing things
- > MYTH — the stories got made up later
- > HE REALLY ROSE

BELIEVE AND LIVE

JOHN 11:25-26 (ESV)

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE	come, eat	JOHN 6:53
I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD	follow	JOHN 8:12
I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP	enter	JOHN 10:9
I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD	know, follow	JOHN 10:4
I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE	believe	JOHN 14:1, 6
I AM THE TRUE VINE	abide	JOHN 15:4
I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE	believe, live	JOHN 11:26

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DISCUSSTION QUESTIONS:

Do we believe that Jesus Christ is truly the resurrection and the life, and does that impact us in our daily lives now?

In what ways does resurrection impact our lives?

What does it mean for us to believe and live?

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