



John: The Great I AM" Gospel
Resurrection Power
From sermon 4.20.25

Read *John 11:25-26*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: The blessed arrival of Easter causes us to jump ahead just a bit, in our study of John's Gospel. The resurrection doesn't occur in the Gospel of John until chapter 20. We'll look at the details and glorious truths when we get to that portion. Every Resurrection Sunday is a great time to examine the meaning and implications of Jesus' bodily and permanent resurrection. The fact that we serve a living Savior further separates biblical Christianity from the rest of the religious world.

1. Read *Ecclesiastes 3:11*. Discuss the "void" God leaves in every human heart and the reason for it. God designed us to be incomplete. The pondering of eternity is to lead us to seek Him. That is why all mankind is universally religious/spiritual. God's desire is that we would seek the one true God and serve Him.

See also *Acts 17:22-27*

2. The intentional emptiness in man must be filled. Everyone will fill it with something. If it is not (fully) filled by YAHWEH of the Bible, what else will we fill it with? Various answers. Our drug of choice. Vices. Numbing. Materialism. Title. Status. Others. Pleasure/recreation.

3. Clarifying the Resurrection. Because the Bible does, we also use terms like "eternal life" and "resurrection" to refer specifically to genuine believers. But, upon deeper study, who actually lives forever in new, resurrected bodies? Everyone ever conceived. Believers and non-believers alike.

See *John 5:25-29 & Revelation 20:5 & 11-15*

3a. Then, what is the difference between believer resurrection and non-believer resurrection? 1) Location = where that new body spends eternity. And 2) The nature of that new body. Believers: Glorified, sinless bodies in continual life. Non-believers: retain the fallen nature, perpetual sin, and continual dying.

4. What are some of the worldly explanations and theories regarding Jesus' resurrection?

- It's only an ancient myth. It never happened. See *Matthew 28:13-15*.
- It was merely a group hallucination.
- Jesus never died on the cross...someone else did. [the explanation given by Islam]
- They only saw His spirit, not a physical body. See *Luke 24:36-40 & John 20:27-29*

5. Read *Romans 4:23-25*. Discuss imputation and justification. Salvation has always been a righteousness by faith and not by works. The account of Abraham is the example. He was looking forward to the Savior's completed work on the cross on his behalf. We look back. Every person has a growing sin debt. With Jesus' death on the cross, the full sin debt is paid. All our sin is accredited to His account. But that only puts our account at zero. God also said: Be holy as I AM holy. We still need the righteousness of Christ now deposited in our account (imputation). He died for our sin and was raised for our justification (declaration of righteousness).

6. What does it mean to you to serve a living Savior? Various Personal Answers