Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life

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Scripture:

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. [18] Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, [19] and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. [20] So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. [21] Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. [22] But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." [23] Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." [24] Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." [25] Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, [26] and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" [27] She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." (Jn. 11:17-27 ESV)

From the Introduction:

The miracle of Lazarus' resurrection is one of the most compelling miracles in the life of Christ. In it, we find the Lord's power over physical death.

1) _____ life.

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (Jn. 8:12 ESV)

   a) Jesus Christ is the light that _____ our path.
   b) Without Him, one is condemned to walk this world in _____ darkness.

2) _____ life.

Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice [29]and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. (Jn. 5:28-29 ESV)

   a) Jesus Christ is the power that _____ the grave.
   b) With Him, one _____ the resurrect of life; without him, a resurrection of judgment.

3) _____ life.

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him. (Jn. 3:36 ESV)

   a) Jesus Christ is the sole means to spending _____ in the presence of God.
   b) With Him, one will experience eternal _____; without Him, one is condemned to God's wrath and punishment.

Remember:
And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. (1 Jn. 5:20 ESV)

Reflect: (In Honor of Veteran's Day)
"The Lord gets his best soldiers out of the highlands of affliction." – Charles Spurgeon

Seek:
1) Pastor Mark noted, "Jesus Christ is the light that illuminates our path." How has Jesus "illuminated" the path of your life?

2) What disciplines are currently active in your life that allow for the light of Christ to continue to grow in you?

Share:
1) Read Luke 10:40-42.
   How does the Martha in Luke's passage differ from the Martha presented by John? Which Martha do you tend to be, Luke's or John's?

2) What does this show you about the importance of having a balance between a life of serving and a life of spiritual growth in the Lord?

Serve:

1) John 3:36 states, "whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him" (ESV). Apart from obedience in accepting Christ as Savior, what does this say to you about the importance of serving Him in obedience?

2) In what areas is He calling you to serve in obedience? Are you responding accordingly?

Prayer:

Take a few moments as a group to thank God for the blessings of resurrection and life that He has given us through Christ Jesus; then ask Him how you might serve Him to bring this message to the lost and hurting.