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"Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him; but Mary still sat in the house. Then Martha said unto Jesus, 'Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know, that even now, whatever You will ask of God, God will give it to You.' And Jesus said unto her, 'Your brother shall rise again.' And Martha said unto Him, 'I know that he shall rise again in the Resurrection at the last day.' Then Jesus said unto her, '**I am the Resurrection, and the Life**; he who believes in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you Believe this?' And she said unto Him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who should come into the world.' " (John 11:20-27)

Resurrection: from the Greek word **anastasis** which means: a standing up, a resurrection, a raising up, a rising up.

(refers to the physical, bodily resurrection of Christ – and of people; both of the redeemed and the unredeemed.)

Life: from the Greek word **zoe** which means: life, both of physical (present) and of spiritual (particularly future) existence. (from **zao**: to live)

As used in the New Testament the word 'Resurrection' usually refers to specific events: the physical, bodily resurrection of Christ from the dead; and the physical, bodily resurrection of people; both of the redeemed unto eternal Life; and the unredeemed unto eternal punishment. Consider these passages:

"And the angel answered and said unto the women, 'Fear not; for I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, **for He is Risen**, just as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell His disciples that **He is Risen from the dead!!** ...' " (Matthew 28:6-7)

"Truly, truly, I say unto you, 'The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and those who hear shall live. For as the Father has life in Himself; so has **He given to the Son to have life in Himself**; and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in which all who are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; those who have done good, **unto the Resurrection of Life**; and those who have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.'" (John5:25-29)

The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most wonderful 'event' that has ever happened; and the bodily resurrection of people is collectively an 'event' that will happen at the last day. However, Jesus is not speaking of an 'event' to happen! Rather, **He is speaking of a 'Person' who 'IS' the Resurrection and the Life - Even Himself** !! Consider these words of promise from Jesus (from John 6:37-44):

"All who the Father gives to Me shall come to Me; and he who comes to Me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the Father's will who has sent Me: that of all whom He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should Raise it (speaking of believers) up again at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me: that every one who sees the Son (Jesus), and believes on Him, may have Everlasting Life: and I (Jesus) will raise him (them) up at the last day. " ... "Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. No man can come to Me, except the Father who has sent Me draws him; **and I will raise him up at the last day** (the Day of Resurrection!).

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Consider also these words of promise:

"For since by a man came death, so also **by a Man (Jesus)** came the Resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, **even so in Christ shall all be made alive**. But every man in his own order: **Christ the Firstfruits**; and afterward those who are Christ's at His (second) coming." (1 Corinthians 15:21-23)

Consider also these amazing words of encouragement:

"But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? You foolish-one, that which you sow is not made-alive, **except it dies**; and that which you sow, you sow not as the body that it shall become, but bare grain, perhaps of wheat, or of some other grain; but God gives it a body as it has pleased Him, and to every seed its own body. All flesh is not the same flesh; but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. ... So also is the Resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption; It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power; It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, 'The first man Adam was made a living soul; **the Last Adam (Jesus) was made a life-giving spirit**.' However that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: **the Second Man (Jesus) is the Lord from heaven**. As is the earthy, such are those also who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are those also who are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, **we shall also bear the image of the Heavenly**. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; neither does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be Raised (Resurrected) incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, '*Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?*' The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:35-57)

"Christ in us is to Live, to die is to gain!" (Philippians 1:21)

When we believe in Christ Jesus, He becomes our Resurrection and our Life! Just as it says!

"And this is the record, that God has given to us Eternal Life, and this Life is in His Son. He who has the Son **has (Resurrection) Life**; and he who does not have the Son of God does not have Life. These things have I written unto you who believe on the name of the Son of God; so that you **may know** that you have Eternal Life, and that you **may believe** on the **Name** of the Son of God." (1John 5:11-13)

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Lord Jesus, You are my Resurrection and my Life!!
All Praise and Glory is yours, and the Fathers, forever and ever!!
Amen! And Amen!!