

## **The seven “I am” metaphors in the book of John.**

the bread of life (6:35), the light of the world (8:12), the door or gate (10:7), the good shepherd (10:11), **the resurrection and the life (11:25)**, the way the truth and the life (14:6), the true vine (15:5)

## **Session 4: I am the resurrection and the life.**

**Tuesday 15 October 2024 John 11:1- 44**

### **Potential Discussion Questions**

#### ***Do friends hold back? Why the delay by Jesus? (V6)***

How did Jesus respond to hearing news that his friend was ill?

Is this response surprising?

What did Jesus tell his disciples about the nature of this illness?

#### ***Mary and Martha***

What was Martha looking for from Jesus in her interaction with him?

What do Mary and Martha say to Jesus about power? Jesus' response?

Do we act like Martha and Mary in this passage? (Difference)

Do we ever struggle to believe God's power? What helps us today?

#### ***Who was the audience for resurrection and life (v25)***

What hints does Jesus give about his intention to resurrect Lazarus?

How does the raising of Lazarus point to Jesus' own resurrection?

#### ***Suffering and Pain. (V25)***

Does John 11 help us understand the problem of pain?

Jesus' humanity? Why do you think Jesus wept? (v35)

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#### ***The prayer of Jesus (v41-43)***

What are the main points of learning from the short prayer before Jesus calls Lazarus from the grave?

#### ***Asleep or dead? (v12-13)***

c.f. Mark 5:39 Daughter of Jairus.

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## Resurrection: New Testament 40 Verses (NIV)

G386 ἀνάστασις anastasis *an-as'-tas-is*

*From G450; a standing up again, that is, (literally) a resurrection from death (individual, general or by implication (its author)), or (figuratively) a (moral) recovery (of spiritual truth): - raised to life again, resurrection, rise from the dead, that should rise, rising again.*

## Resurrection Old Testament 0 Verses NIV (Are you Pharisee or Sadducee?)

A future bodily resurrection: **Daniel 12:2**

MSG	Q18	NIV	NIVUK	NLT	NRSV	NASB+	(none)
2 Many who have been long dead and buried will wake up, some to eternal life, others to eternal shame.	2 Many of those who have already died will live again: some will enjoy eternal life, and some will suffer eternal disgrace.	2 "Huge numbers of people who lie dead in their graves will wake up. Some will rise up to life that will never end. Others will rise up to shame that will never end.	2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.	2 Many of those whose bodies lie dead and buried will rise up, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting disgrace.	2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.	2 "And <sup>R1</sup> many <sup>H17227a</sup> of those <sup>H3463</sup> who <sup>H3463</sup> sleep <sup>H3463</sup> in the dust <sup>H6083</sup> of the ground <sup>H127</sup> will awake <sup>H7019a</sup> , <sup>R2</sup> these <sup>H428</sup> to everlasting <sup>H5769</sup> life <sup>H2425b</sup> , but the others <sup>H428</sup> to disgrace <sup>H2781</sup> and everlasting <sup>H5769</sup> contempt <sup>H1860</sup> .	

(Daniel includes some Aramaic, other languages OT Hebrew & NT Greek)

## Isaiah 26:19

MSG	Q18	NIV	NIVUK	NLT	NRSV	NASB+	(none)
19 But friends, your dead will live, your corpses will get to their feet. All you dead and buried, wake up! Sing! Your dew is morning dew catching the first rays of sun, The earth bursting with life, giving birth to the dead.	19 Those of our people who have died will live again! Their bodies will come back to life. All those sleeping in their graves will wake up and sing for joy. As the sparkling dew refreshes the earth, so the LORD will revive those who have long been dead.	19 Israel, those among you who have died will live again. Their bodies will rise from the dead. You who lie in the grave, wake up and shout with joy. The dew of the morning gives life to the earth. So the earth will give up its dead people.	19 But your dead will live; their bodies will rise. You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead.	19 But those who die in the LORD will live; their bodies will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy! For your life-giving light will fall like dew on your people in the place of the dead!	19 Your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise. O dwellers in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a radiant dew, and the earth will give birth to those long dead.	19 Your <sup>R1</sup> dead <sup>H4191</sup> will live <sup>H2421a</sup> ; <sup>N1</sup> Their corpses <sup>H5038</sup> will rise <sup>H6965</sup> . You who lie <sup>H7931</sup> in <sup>H7931</sup> the dust <sup>H6083</sup> , <sup>R2</sup> awake <sup>H7019a</sup> and shout <sup>H7442</sup> for <sup>H7442</sup> joy! <sup>H7442</sup> For your dew <sup>H2919</sup> <sup>/S</sup> as the dew <sup>H2919</sup> of the <sup>N2</sup> dawn <sup>H219a</sup> . And the earth <sup>H776</sup> will <sup>N3</sup> give <sup>H5307</sup> birth <sup>H5307</sup> to the <sup>N4</sup> departed <sup>H7496</sup> spirits <sup>H7496</sup> .	

**Ezekiel 37** includes the vision of dry bones springing to life by God's word.

## The Pharisees and Sadducees disagreed about resurrection.

Paul uses this to his advantage in (Acts 23: 6-11 NIV)

*Then Paul, knowing that some of them were Sadducees and the others Pharisees, called out in the Sanhedrin, "My brothers, I am a Pharisee, descended from Pharisees. I stand on trial because of the hope of the resurrection of the dead." When he said this, a dispute broke out between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. (The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, and that there are neither angels nor spirits, but the Pharisees believe all these things.) There was a great uproar, and some of the teachers of the law who were Pharisees stood up and argued vigorously. "We find nothing wrong with this man," they said. "What if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?" The dispute became so violent that the commander was afraid Paul would be torn to pieces by them. He ordered the troops to go down and take him away from them by force and bring him into the barracks. The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, "Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome."*

## Resurrection and the Life (Αναστανσις και η ζωη) A John phrase?

Both words are in some versions -inc. more literal translations. **John 5:29**

MSG	GNB	NBY	NEVUK	NLT	NRSV	NASB+	(strong)
29 Those who have lived the right way will walk out into a resurrection Life; those who have lived the wrong way, into a resurrection Judgment.	29 and come out of their graves: those who have done good will rise and live, and those who have done evil will rise and be condemned.	29 They will all come out of their graves. Those who have done good will rise and live again. Those who have done evil will rise and be found guilty.	29 and come out-- those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.	29 and they will rise again. Those who have done good will rise to experience eternal life, and those who have continued in evil will rise to experience judgment.	29 and will come out--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.	29 and will come out <sup>G1607</sup> ; <sup>R1</sup> those <sup>G3588</sup> who did <sup>G4160</sup> the good <sup>G18</sup> deeds <sup>G386</sup> to a resurrection <sup>G2222</sup> of life, and those <sup>G3588</sup> who committed <sup>G4238</sup> the bad <sup>G5337</sup> deeds <sup>G386</sup> to a resurrection <sup>G2920</sup> of judgment.	

Perhaps the same **John** wrote Revelation:

(Rev 20:5 NIV) *(The rest of the dead did not come to **life** until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first **resurrection**.*

**Bible has 40+ different authors. The Author of Hebrews also debatable.**

(Heb 11:35 NIV) *Women received back their dead, raised to **life** again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better **resurrection**.*

Both words are not in many other versions.

'**Life**' not in this section of the NT Greek (GNT) I use.

## **Other verses with Resurrection:**

(Matthew 22:23-32 NIV) *That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. Finally, the woman died. Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?" Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living." (c.f. Luke 20:27-40)*

(Acts 2:31 NIV) *Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. (Acts 4:33 NIV) With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all*

(Romans 6:5 NIV) *For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.*

(1 Corinthians 15:29 NIV) *Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them? (1 Corinthians 15:42 NIV) So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable;*

(Philippians 3:10-11 NIV) *I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.*

(1 Peter 3:21 NIV) *and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*

## **Quotes**

*"The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances." (Henry Knox Sherrill)*

*"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." (Martin Luther)*

*"The cross is the victory, the resurrection is the triumph...The resurrection is the public display of the victory, the triumph of the crucified one." (Leon Morris)*