



The Resurrection and the Life

The Seven I am Statements of Jesus in John's Gospel

1. I am the Bread of Life (John 6:35)
2. I am the Light of the World (John 8:12, 9:5)
3. I am the Gate for the Sheep (John 10:7)
4. I am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11)
5. I am the True Vine (John 15:1-5)
6. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6)
7. **I am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)**

John is the gospel of life. The Greek word for life (zoe) is used 36 times in John and only 16 times in the other three gospels combined.

John 11:1-44 The story of Lazarus

1. **Lazarus** of Bethany was sick, and his two sisters sent word to let Jesus know.
2. Jesus declared this sickness **will not end in death** but is for the glory of God.
3. **Jesus waits two days** before heading to Bethany.
4. The disciples **do not** want to go. Jesus says they need to go so He can wake up Lazarus.
5. Thomas says, "Let's go too so that we may die with him."
6. Jesus arrives to hear that Lazarus had already been in the tomb **four days**.

John 11:25 (ESV) *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,*

7. Jesus prays and then **commands** Lazarus to come out of the grave.
8. The story focuses on **love, hope, and faith**.

Romans 5:12-21 (ESV) ¹² *Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—* ¹³ *for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.* ¹⁴ *Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.* ¹⁵ *But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.* ¹⁶ *And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.* ¹⁷ *For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.* ¹⁸ *Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.* ¹⁹ *For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.* ²⁰ *Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,* ²¹ *so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

1. Resurrection is need because **sin** has entered the world

1. **Sin entered the world** through one man.
2. Sin is a **calculated decision** to **disobey** God in a spirit of rebellion.
3. "Sin is the permanent proclivity to prefer **inclination** to **obligation**." Lloyd Jones Ogilvie
4. A common theological view among Americans, even many who attend church and would designate themselves as Christian, is a "**moralistic therapeutic deism**."
5. Sin **abounds** and even **reigns** in the hearts of all the children of Adam.

2. Resurrection is need because sin brought **death** to all

1. God's plan of fellowship with His Creation was **terminated** by sin.
2. "Adam's race is not only pathetically susceptible to sin but **painfully exposed** to inevitable death." Lloyd Jones Ogilvie
3. Gen 5, the first listing of multiple generations in the Bible, **8 times** conclude with the phrase, "then he died."
4. Physical death did not occur immediately, but **spiritual death** (alienation from God) occurred that day.

3. Resurrection is supplied because **grace** prevails

1. Even as death reigned through one man's sin, the free gift of grace has **abounded** to many.
 2. All are born into sin as members of Adam's family but enter the family of God by **faith**.
- Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)** ⁸ *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,* ⁹ *not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*
3. Sin is increasing but God's grace is **super abundantly increasing**.
 4. God's grace is on display when sin was at its **worst**.
*"Sin at its **darkest** moment on Calvary was touched by grace in its **brilliance**."*
 5. By one man's **obedience** (Jesus) many will be made righteous.
 6. Grace calls us to live joyfully in obedience with **gratitude** (in view of God's mercy) and with **wisdom** (understanding the consequences of my choices.)

4. Resurrection is proven because **life** reigns

1. God's grace reigns in **eternal life** through Jesus Christ our Lord.
2. The sin of Adam brought death, but grace brought a superabundant dynamic power-**life**.
3. Life in Christ not only destroys death but **restores** what death had destroyed.
4. Those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness will **reign** in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

**The Resurrection Power of Jesus is at work
in the life of every child of God.**