

# The Great I Am

## *“I Am The Resurrection & The Life”*

(John 11:25-26)

- Introduction:
1. One of the most exciting stories in the Bible is recorded in John 11 — the resurrection of Lazarus.
  2. One should attempt to place himself among the crowd of mourners and imagine the great scene.
  3. Jesus’ bold claim to be the resurrection and the life was backed up by even bolder actions (1 Thessalonians 1:5).
  4. In this lesson, let us examine several significant points concerning Jesus’ resurrection and the subsequent resurrection of all men that deserve our attention.
- I. The Death And Resurrection Of Jesus Was Prophesied
- A. (Genesis 3:15).
  - B. (Psalm 16:10; Acts 2:27-32).
  - C. (Matthew 12:40).
  - D. (John 2:19).
  - E. (Matthew 16:21).
  - F. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus was more than an afterthought due to an aborted mission as some men claim today (Revelation 13:8).
- II. Several Proof’s Of Jesus’ Resurrection
- A. The fact that an empty tomb exists, provides quite a problem for the infidel.
  - B. There are four possibilities for the absence of Jesus’ body.
    1. Jesus did not really die.
    2. Jesus’ enemies stole His body.
    3. Jesus’ friends stole His body.
    4. Jesus rose from the grave.
- III. The Importance Of Jesus’ Resurrection
- A. (1 Corinthians 12:17; 1 Peter 1:3; 1 Peter 3:20-21).
  - B. (Hebrews 9:18-26).
  - C. (1 Corinthians 15:20-23).
- Conclusion:
1. Without the resurrection of Jesus, there would be no resurrection for anyone.
  2. By His life, we are assured eternal life.
  3. By His resurrection, we are assured our own resurrection.
  4. The question that remains for us to answer today is not, “Will we be raised,” but “Unto what shall we be raised?” (John 5:28-29).