



- Matters of Life and Death
- John 11

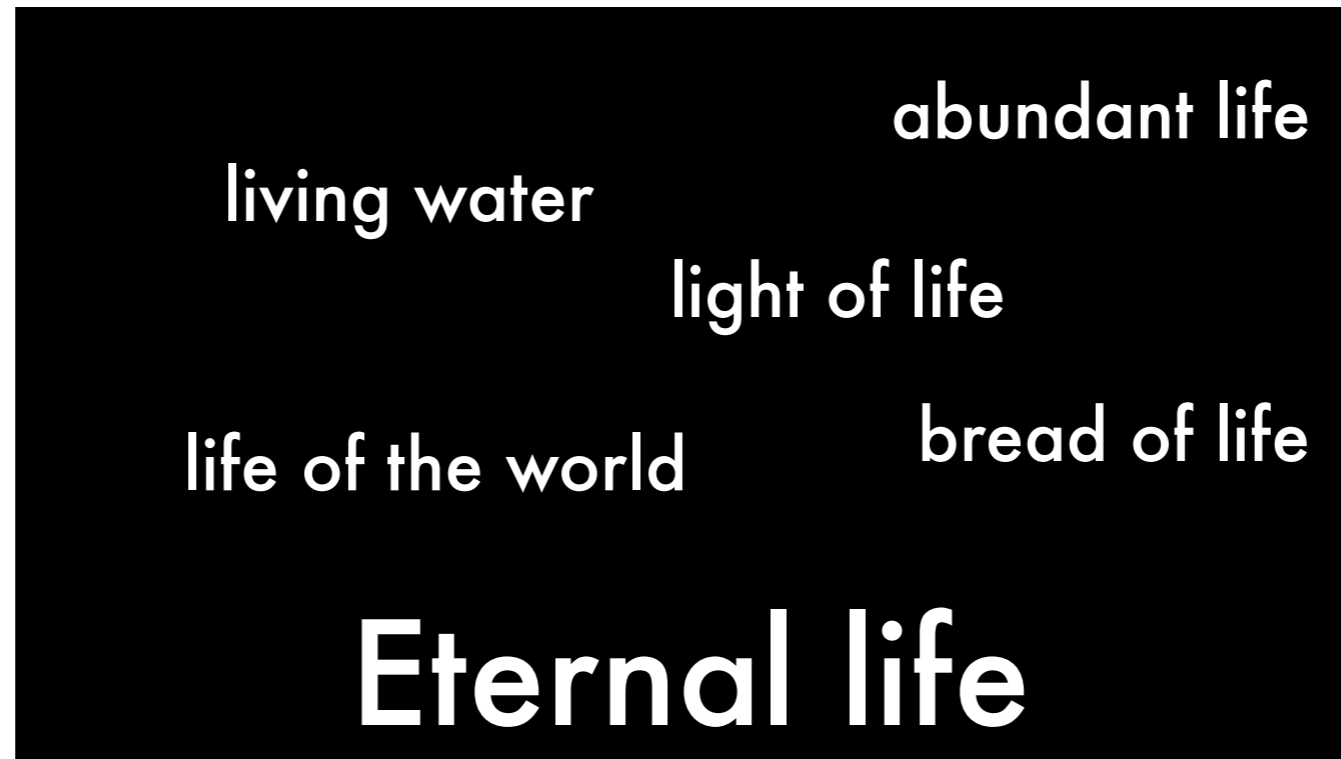
It's a matter of life and death.

- It's a matter of life and death.
- Sometimes true, sometimes hyperbole
- Most people don't want to die...
- What happens when we die?
 - 1) cease to exist
 - 2) reincarnation
 - 3) resurrection
- Greatest fear?
 - Hebrews 2:15 (ESV) and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not **perish** but have **eternal life**.

John 3:16

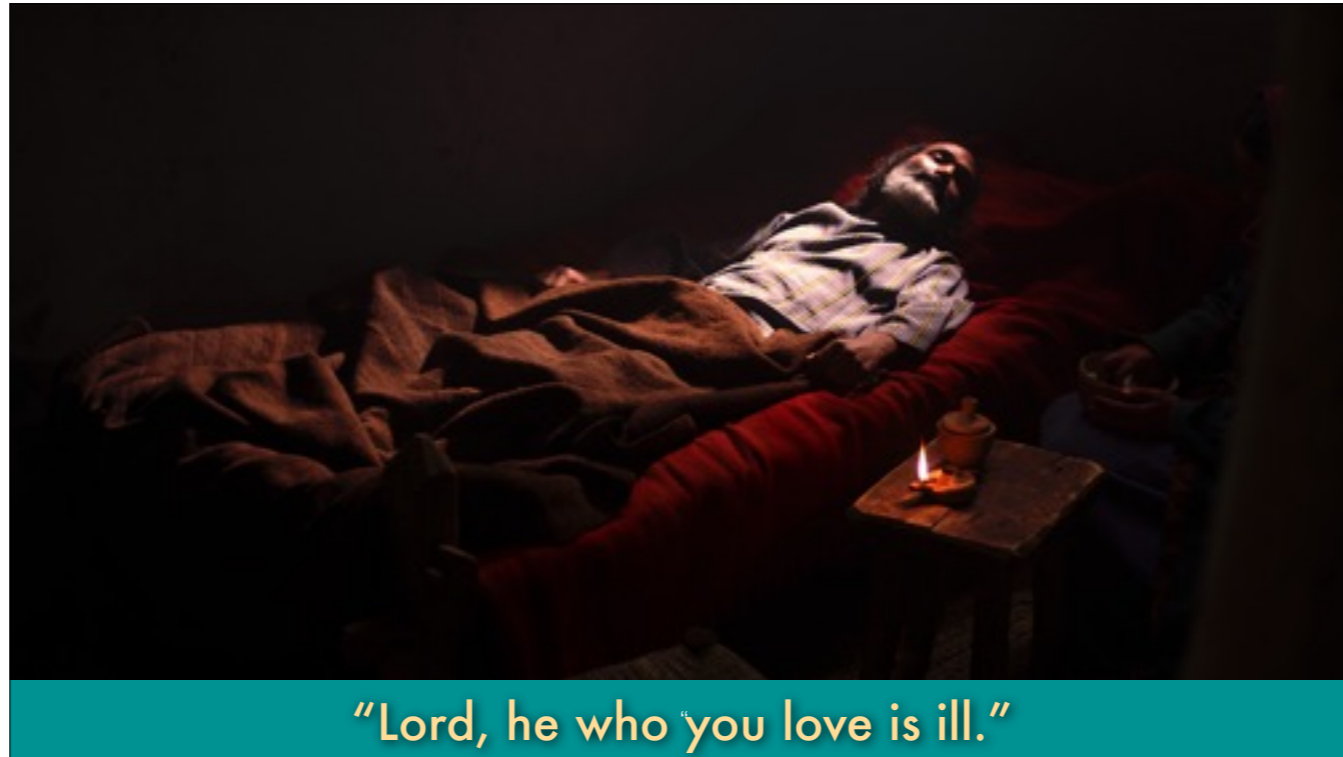
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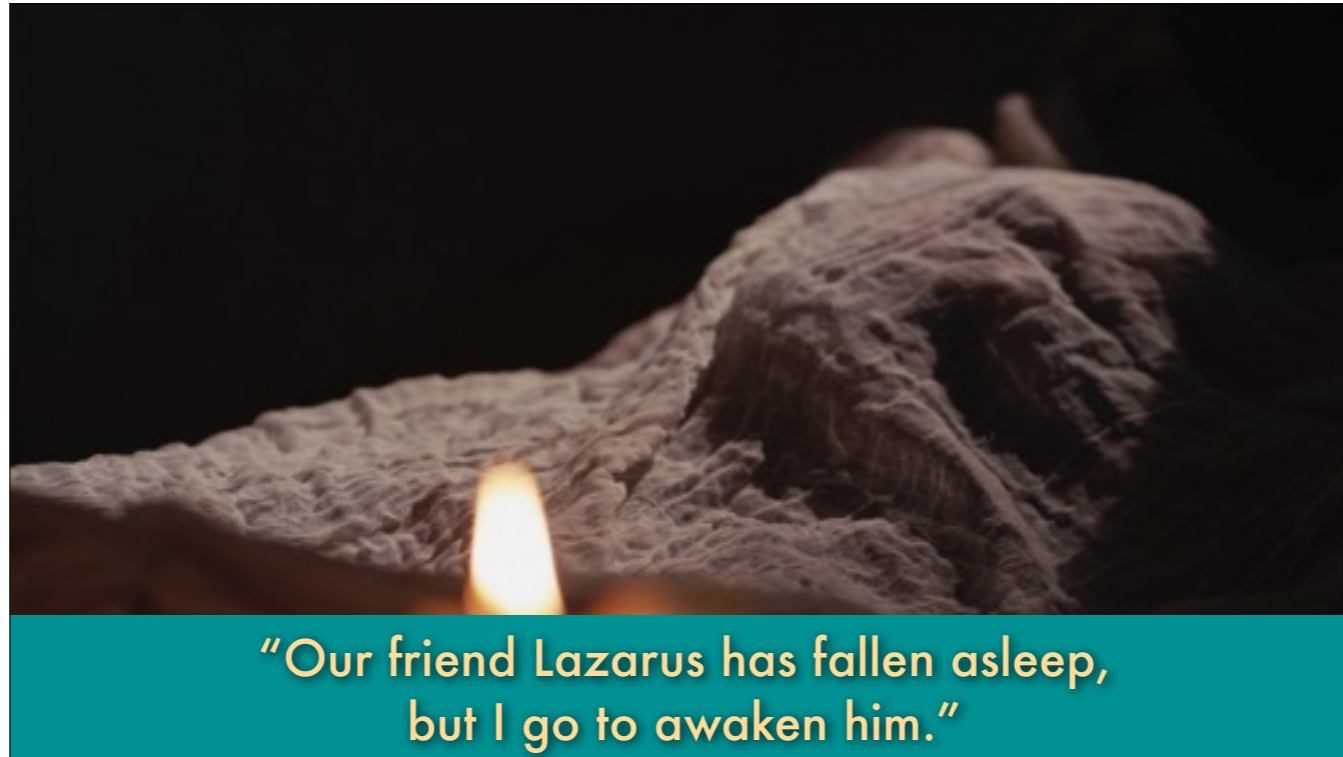
- Gospel of John
 - Living water (4:10; 7:38)
 - Bread of life (6:35)
 - Life of the world (6:51)
 - Light of Life (8:12, 1:4?)
 - Abundant life (10:10)
 - Eternal life (13X)

Life & Death & Life

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- John 11:3 (ESV) So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."
 - A matter of life and death!
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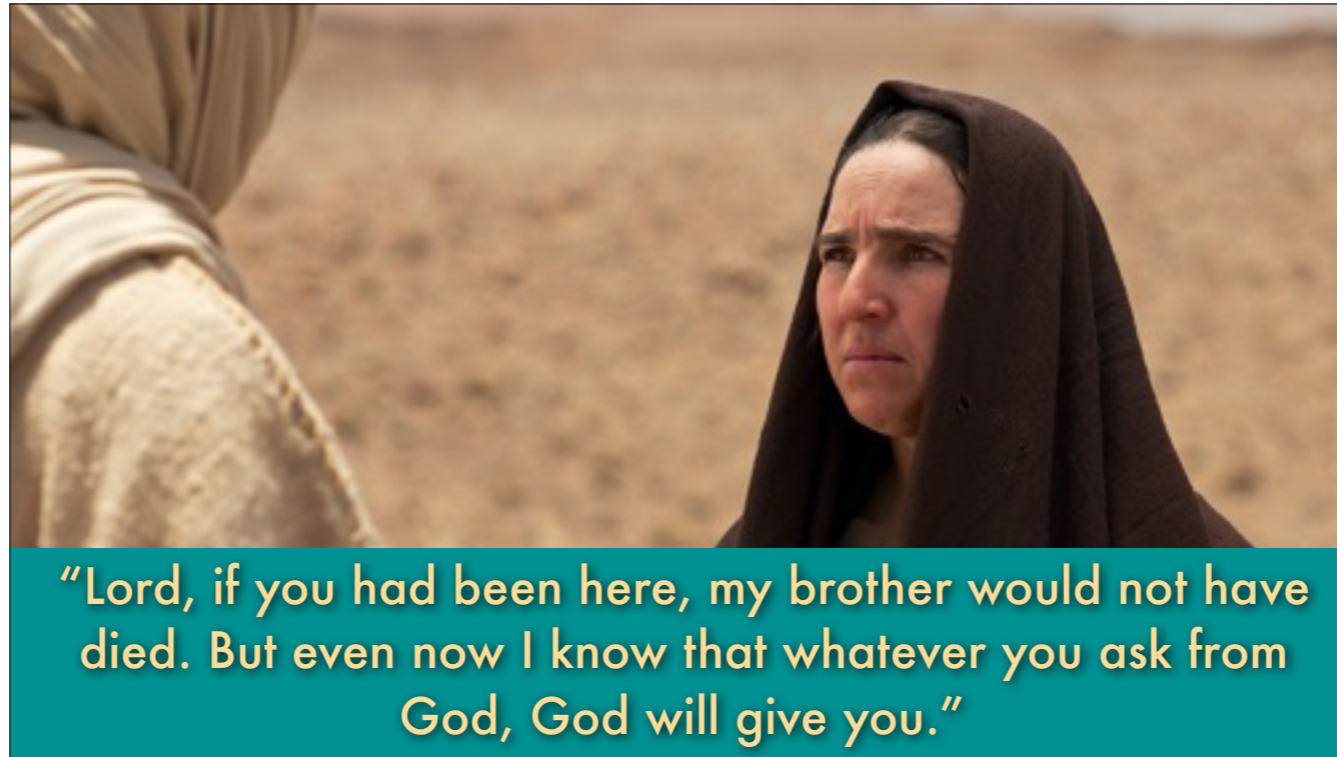


- John 11:11 (ESV) After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him."



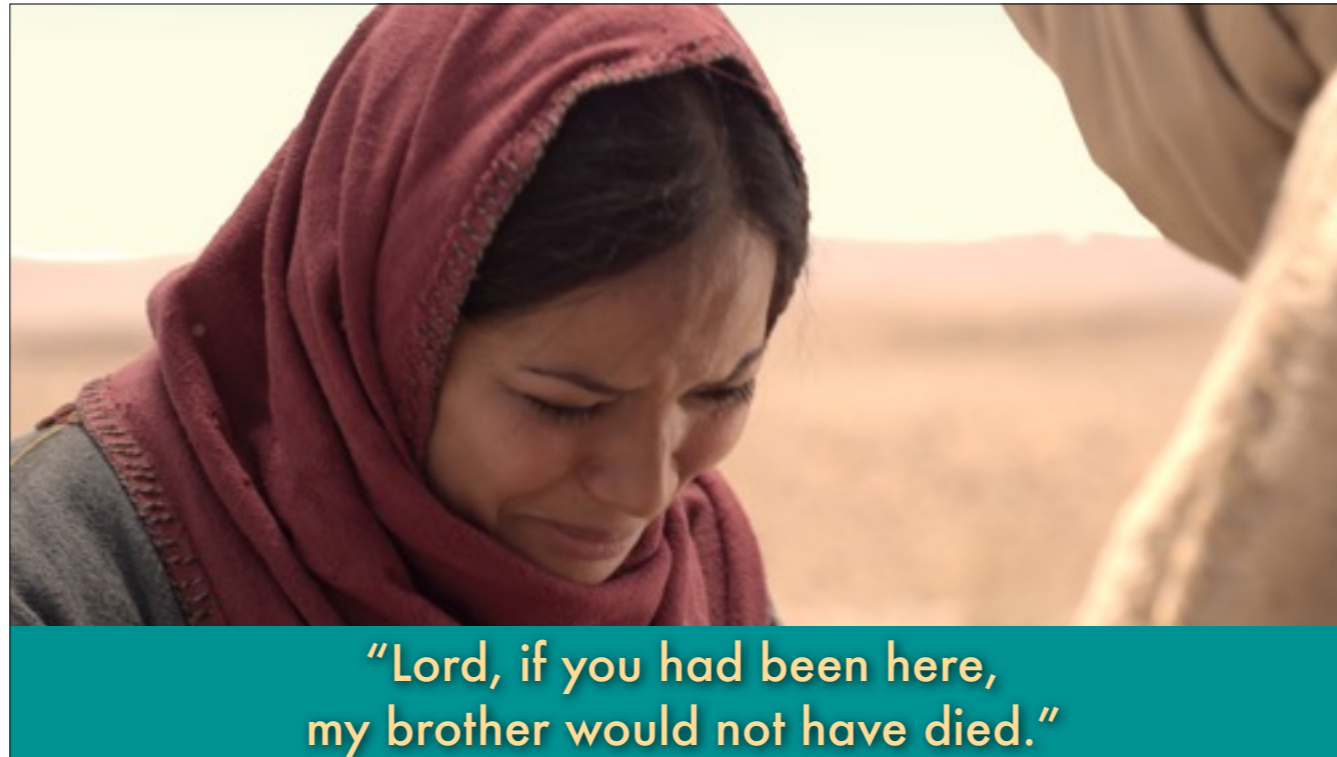
“Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

- John 11:14-15 (ESV) Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, 15 and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”



“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”

- John 11:21-22 (ESV) 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.”
- Convinced that Jesus could heal Lazarus
- But death... that’s a different matter.



- John 11:32 (ESV) Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."
- "finality of death"
- Convinced that Jesus could heal Lazarus
- But death... that's a different matter.



“Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?”

- John 11:8 (ESV) The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?”
 - It’s a matter of life and death!

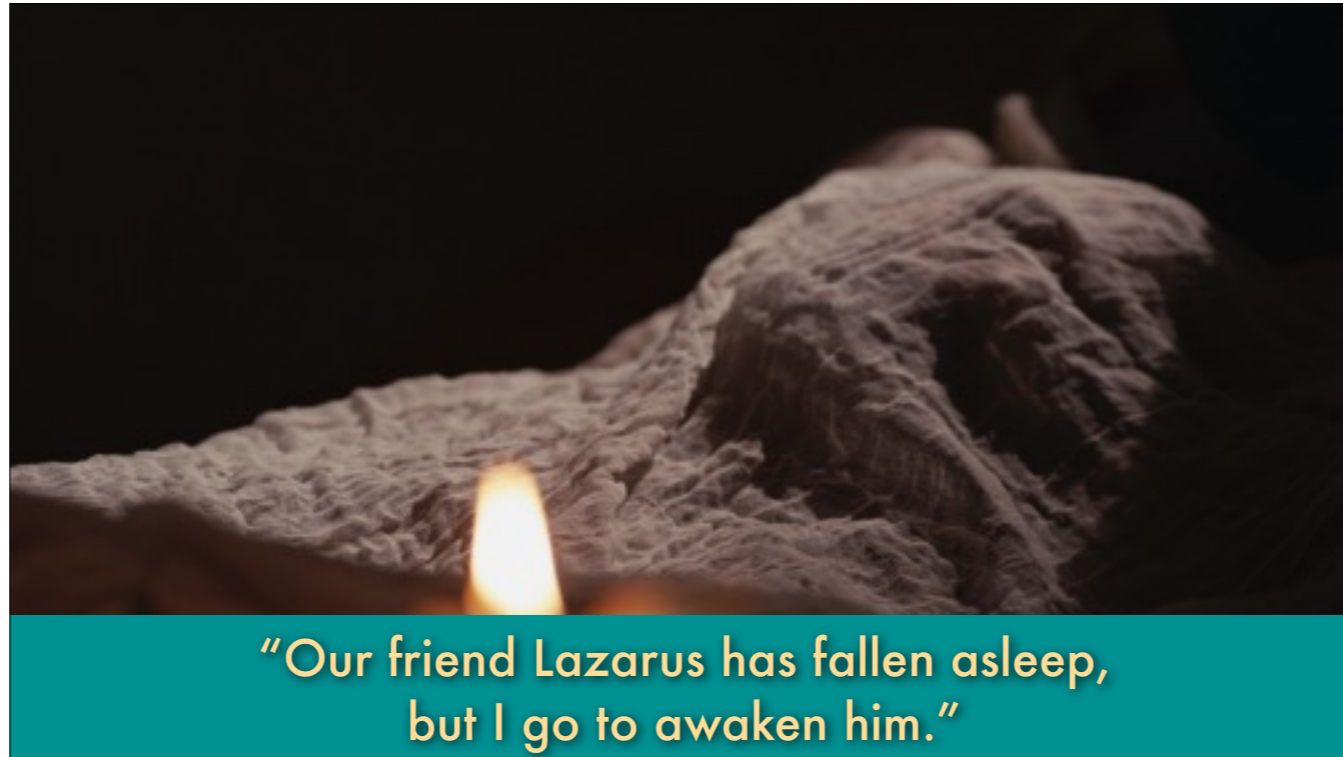


- John 11:16 (ESV) So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."
- finality of death
- resignation



“Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

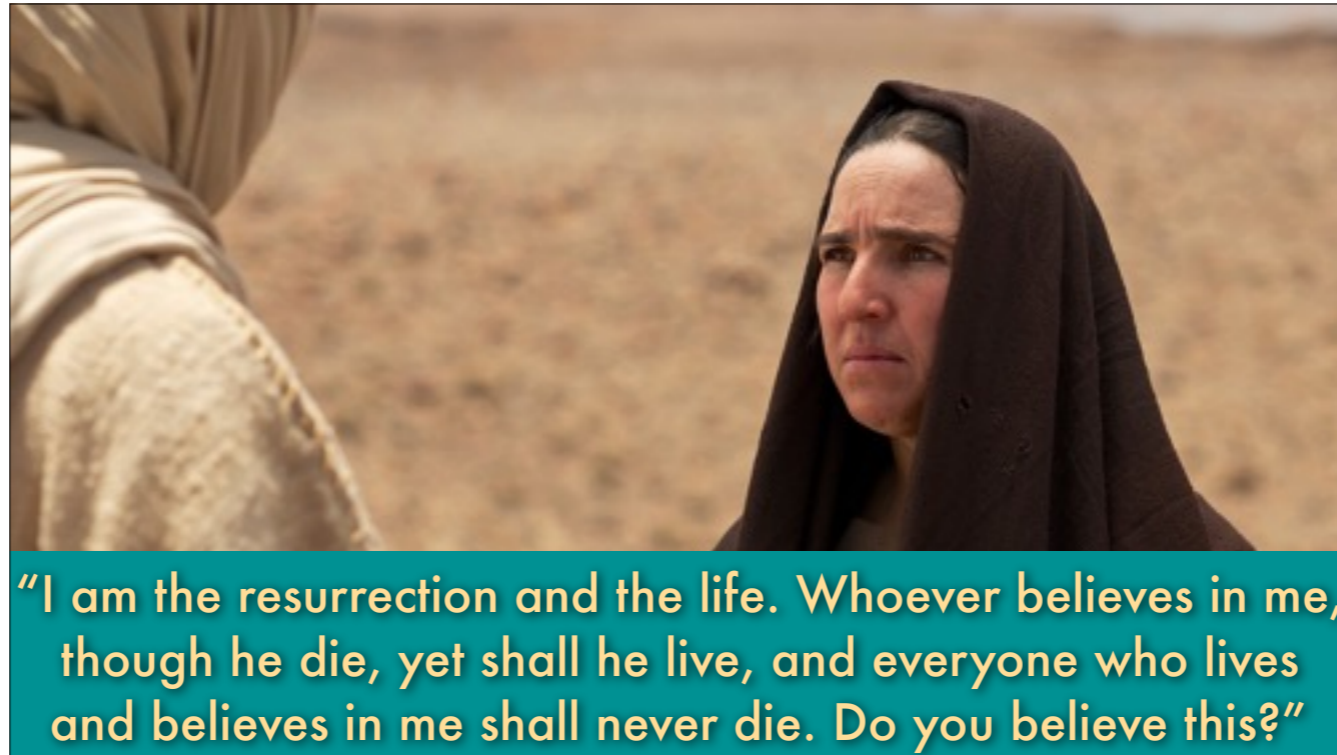
- John 11:37 (ESV) But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”
- Convinced that Jesus could heal Lazarus (from opening eyes of a man born blind)
- But death... that’s a different matter.



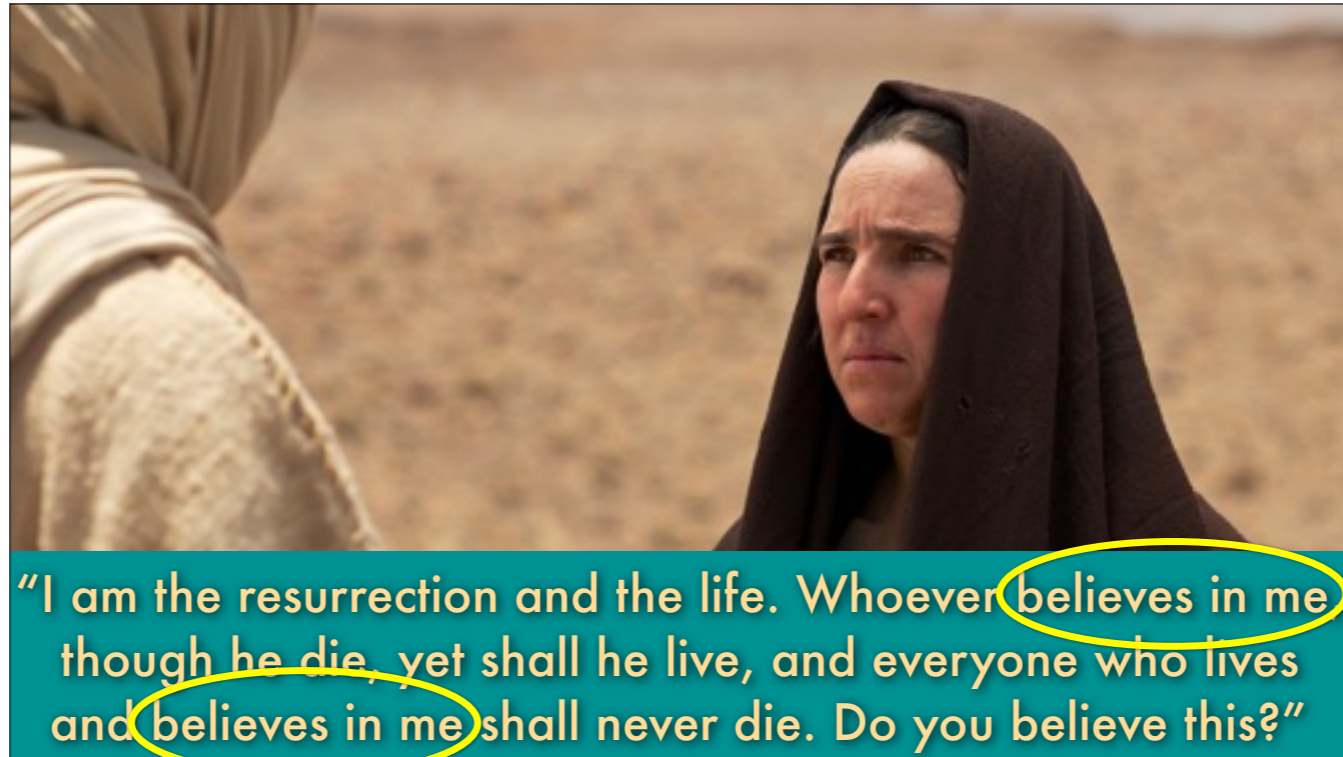
- Only Jesus has a different view of death: “awaken him”
- Rom. 3:23; Eph. 2:1
- We need more than healing, we need awakening!
- We need to be raised from the dead.
- But no man can accomplish that.



- John 11:23 (ESV) Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."
- John 11:24 (ESV) Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."



- John 11:25-26 (ESV) 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?"
- This is an astonishing claim!
 - die ... yet live
 - lives ... never die
- speaking spiritually.



- "Believes in Me"



Believes in Me

- Believes in Me
- Who is this man who promises victory over death? resurrection? life?



the Son
of God

- John 11:4 (ESV) But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”
- John 10:24 (ESV) So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”
- John 10:25 (ESV) Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me,
- John 10:30 (ESV) I and the Father are one.”



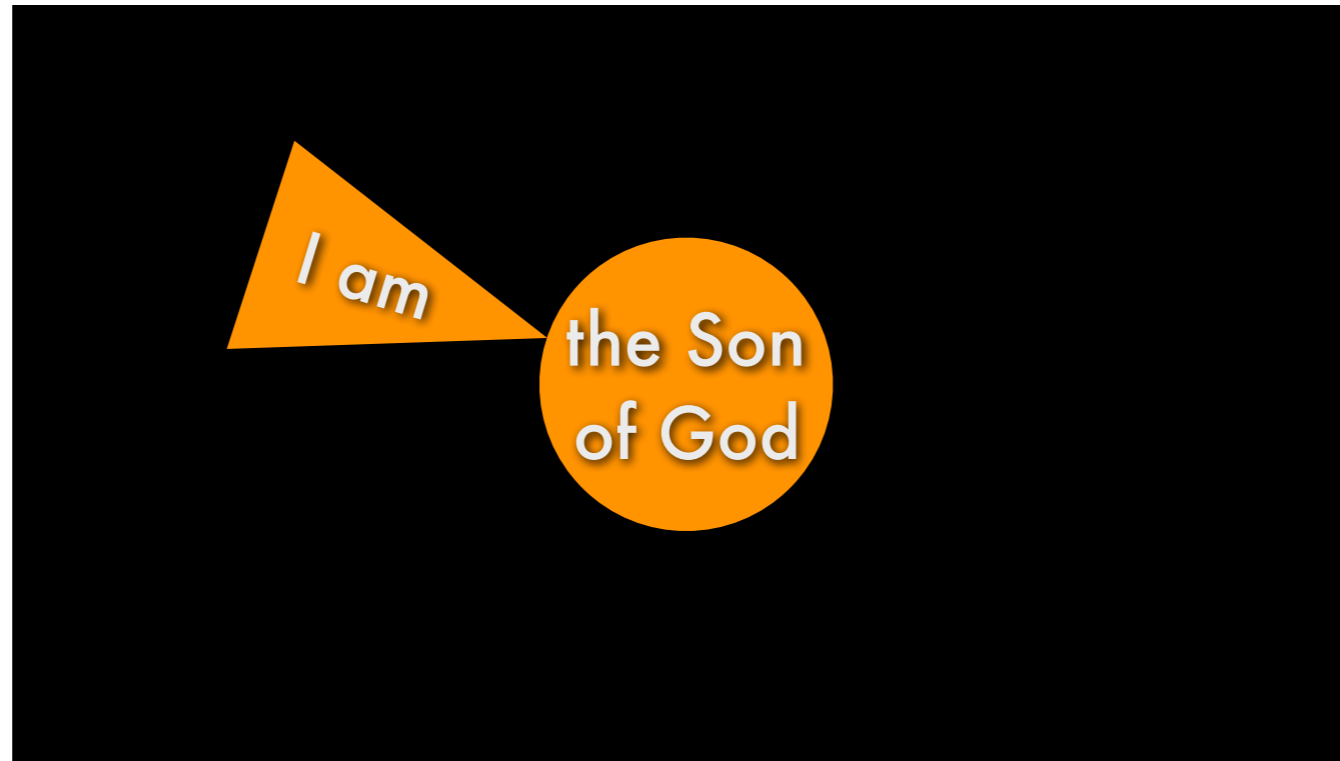
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- John 10:36-38 (ESV) 36 do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? 37 If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; 38 but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."

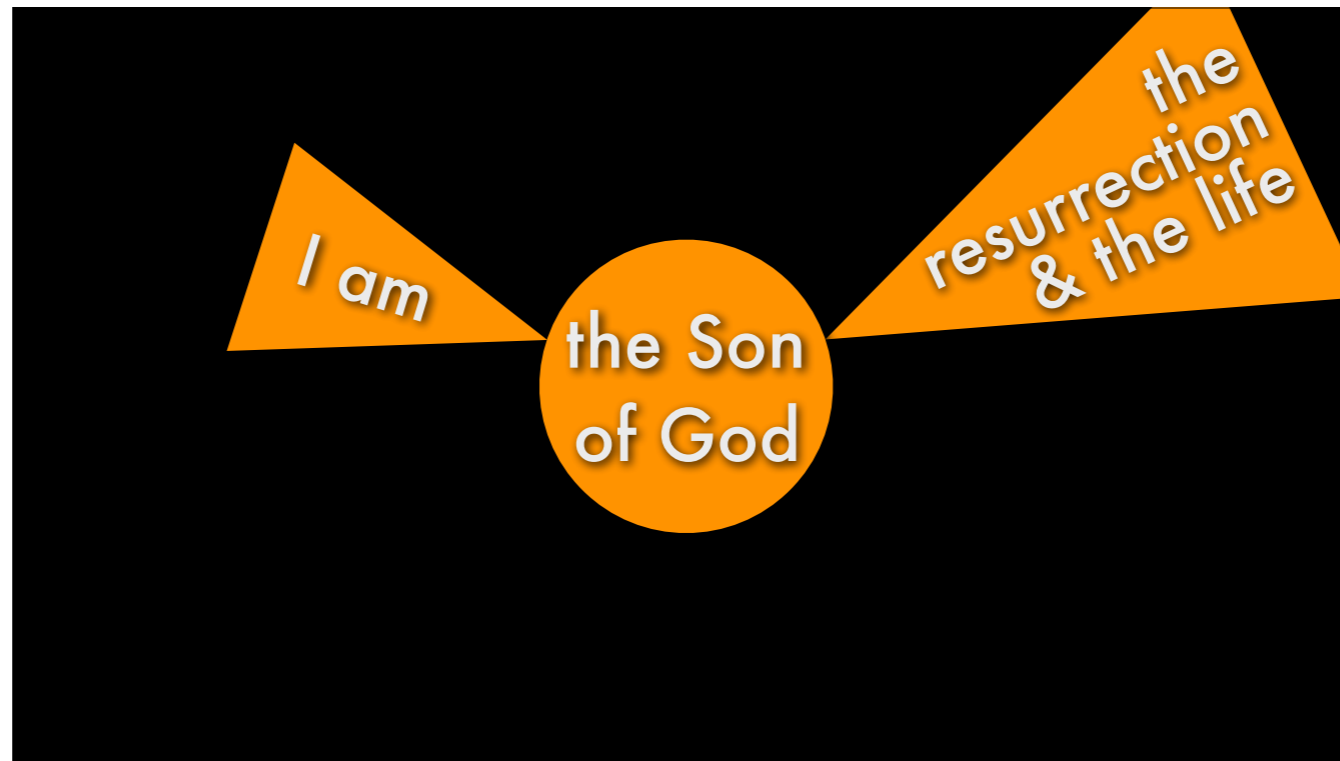


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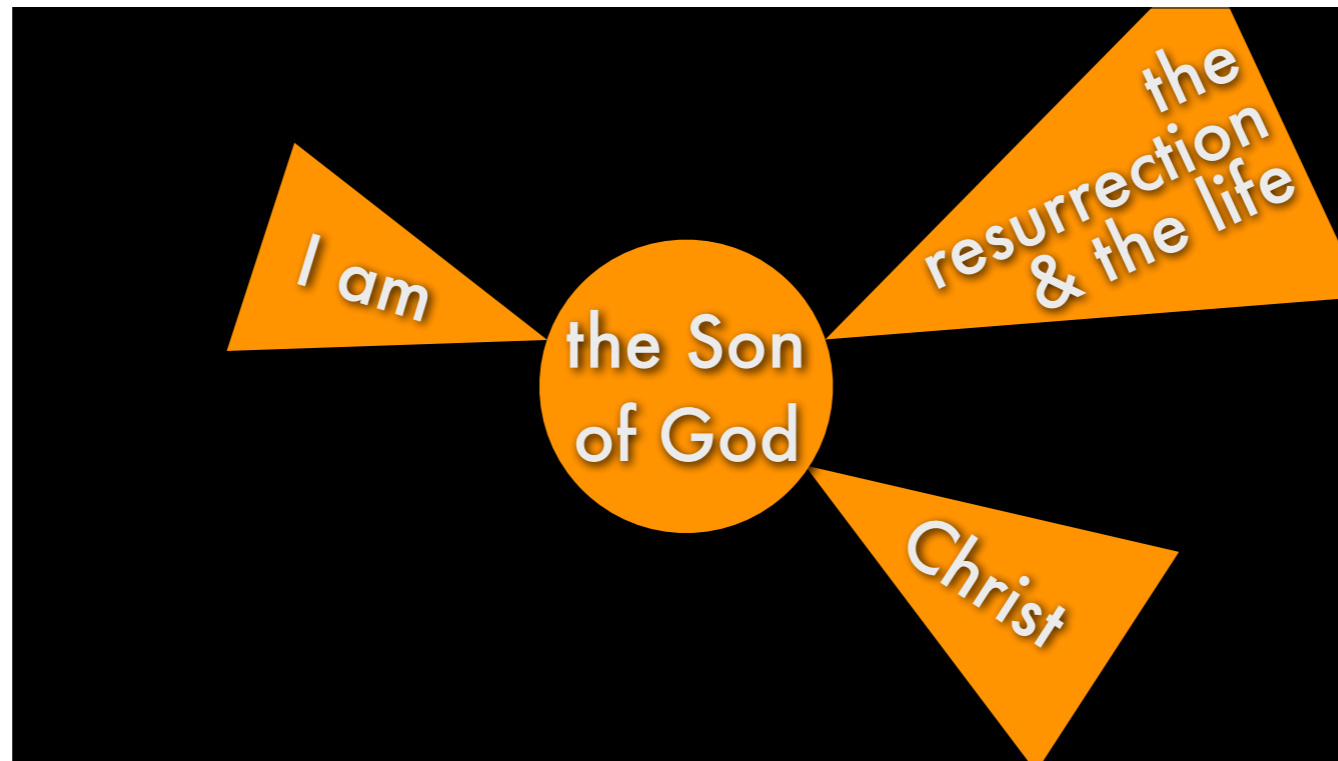
- John 1:14 (ESV) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
 - Same attributes and character as Father
 - Equal
 - God
- John 1:1-4 (ESV) 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.
 - NOT created
 - LIFE



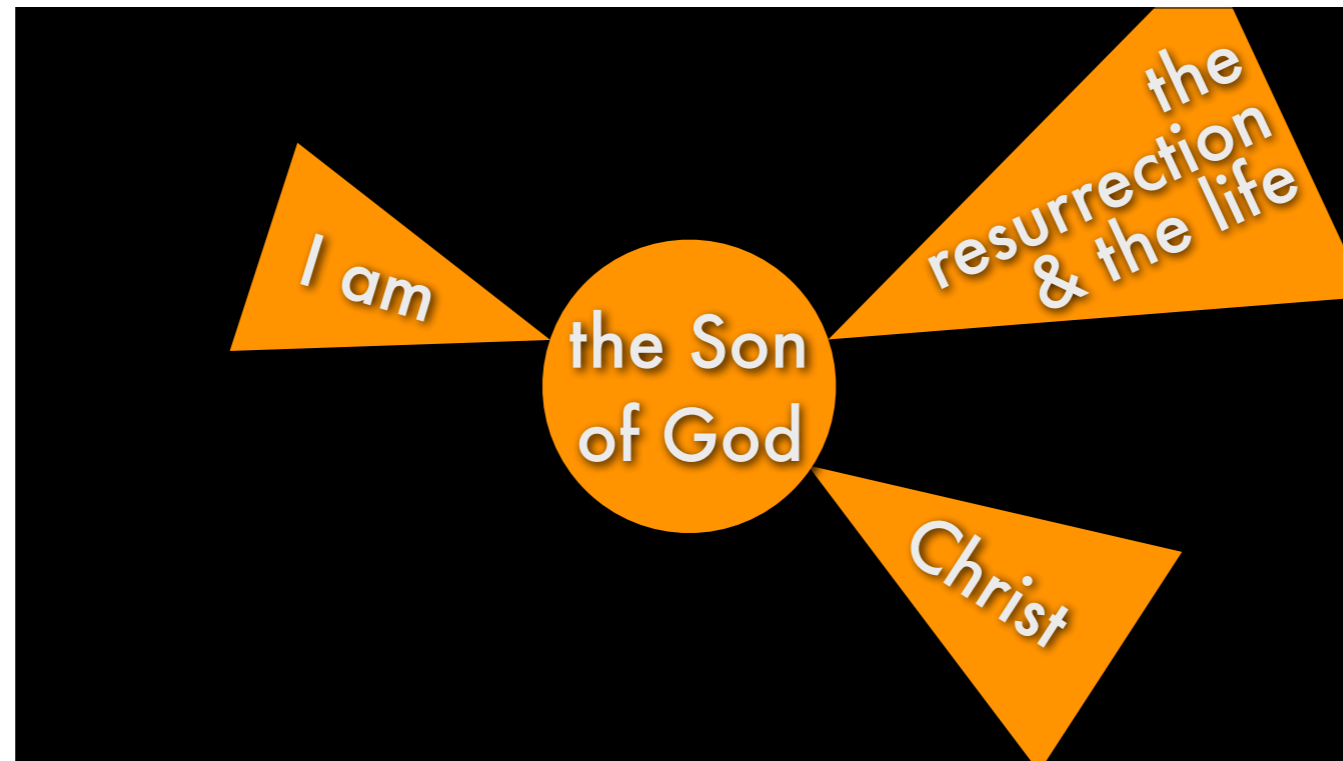
- John 11:25 (ESV) Jesus said to her, “**I am** the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,
- Exodus 3:14 (ESV) God said to Moses, “**I am who I am.**” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘**I am** has sent me to you.’”



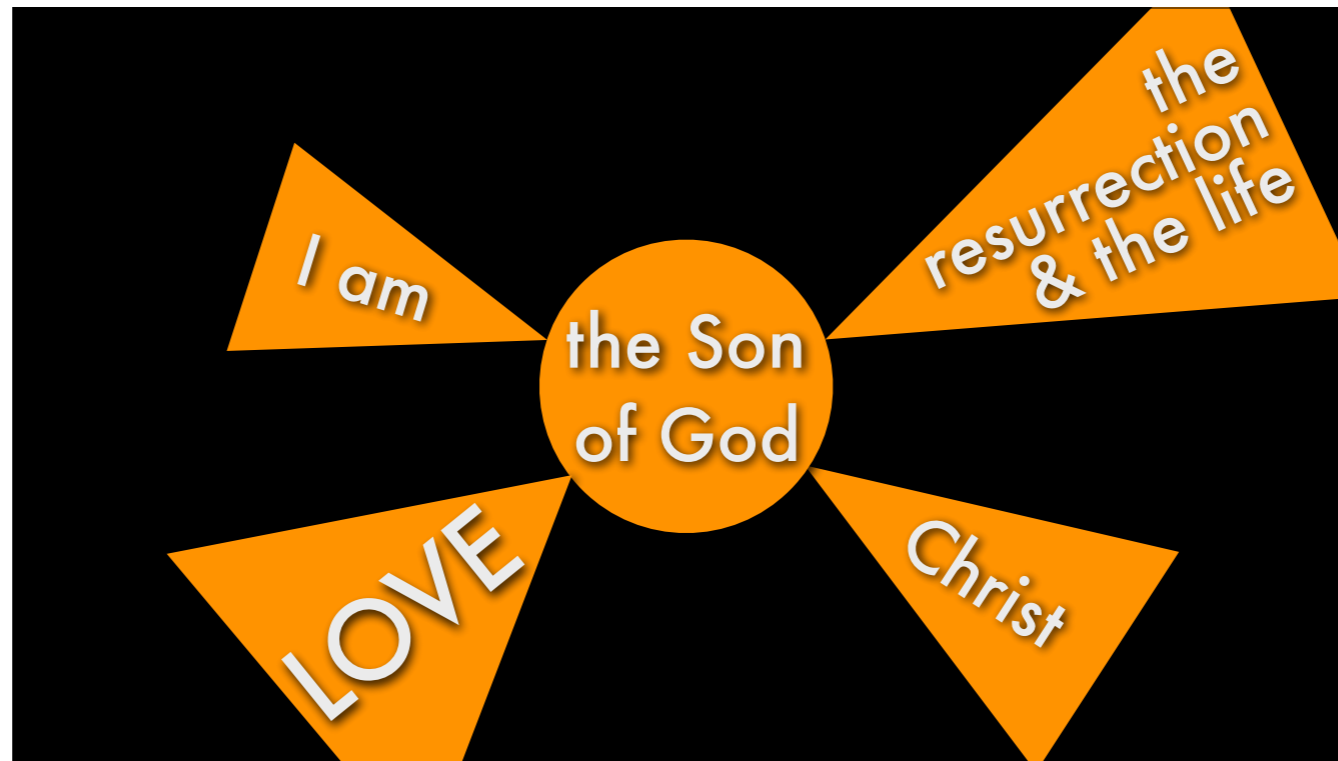
- John 11:25 (ESV) Jesus said to her, “I am the **resurrection** and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,
- Resurrection: the annulment of death - Lenski
- Life: opposite of death
- Must be considered together!



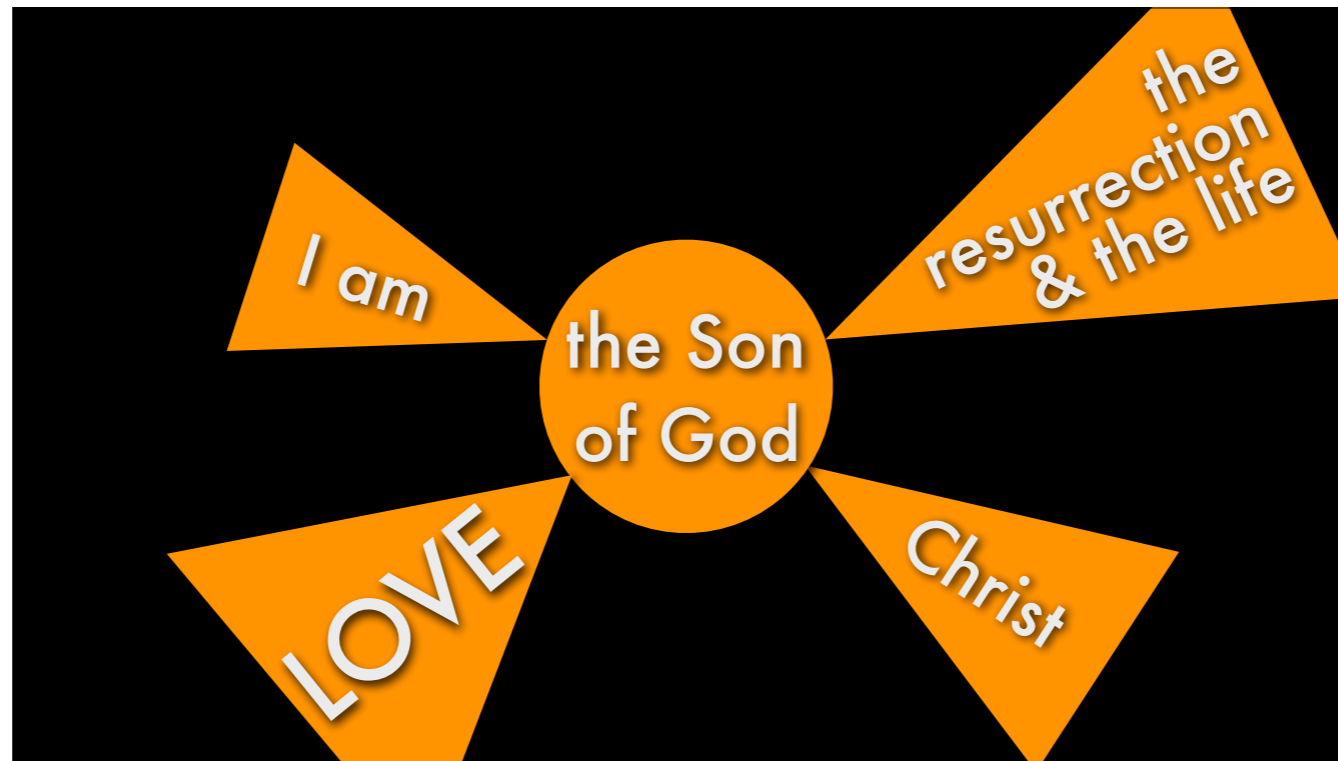
- John 11:27 (ESV) She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”
- Christ, anointed one, messiah
 - All the OT promises, from Abraham to Malachi, concerning the one who is coming to bless all man
- WHY coming into the world?
 - To bless, but how?
- John 11:42 (ESV) I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that **you sent me.**”
 - John 3:17 (ESV): For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that **the world might be saved through him.**



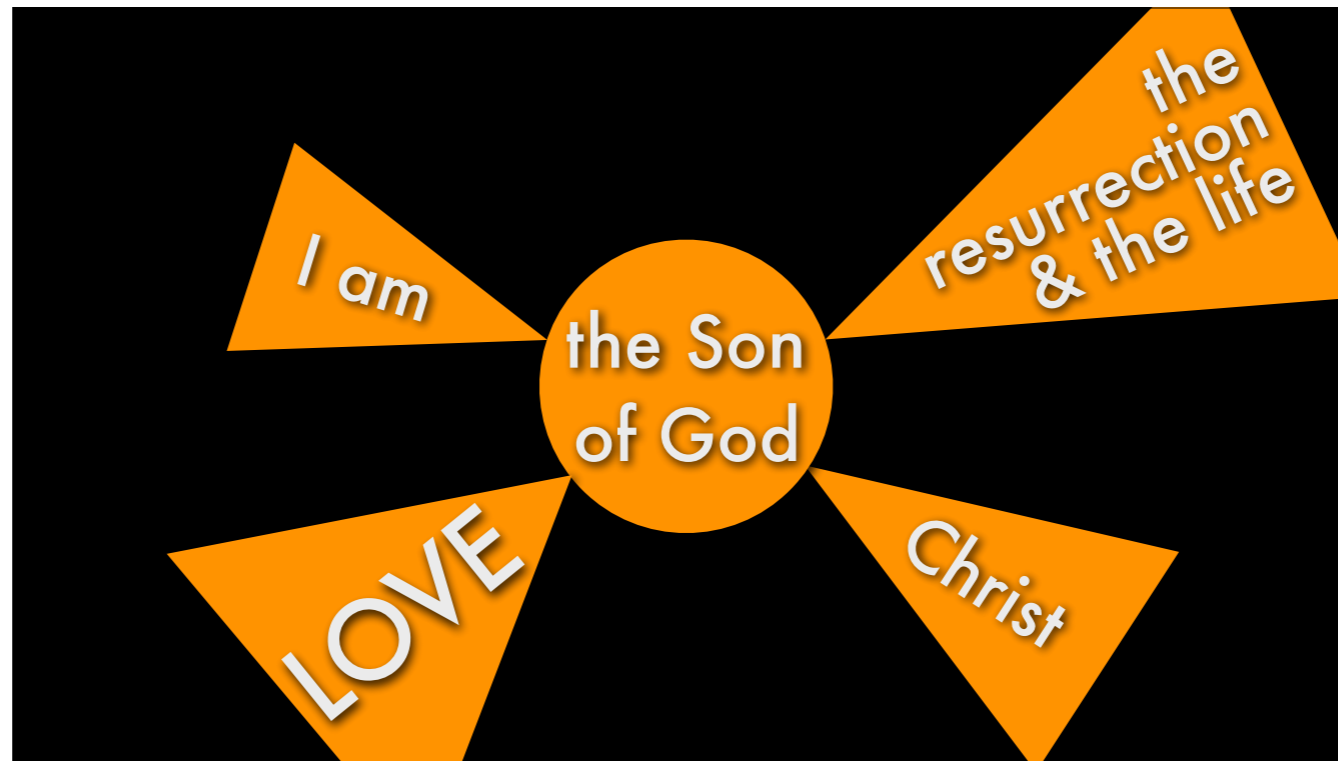
- Jesus as Son of God, Christ, I Am, resurrection and life
- Greater than all others who claim knowledge, salvation or freedom
- Buddha, Mohammed, Confucius; modern 'prophets'
- Only one who is glorified by God, raises the dead to life and was raised to life himself.



- Love
 - John 11:3 (ESV) So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you **love** is ill.”
 - John 11:5 (ESV) Now Jesus **loved** Martha and her sister and Lazarus.
 - John 11:14-15 (ESV) 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, 15 and for your sake **I am glad** that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”
 - John 11:36 (ESV) So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”



- Compassion
 - John 11:33 (ESV) When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was **deeply moved** in his spirit and **greatly troubled**.
 - John 11:35 (ESV) Jesus **wept**.
 - Why? sympathy? death? sin?
 - John 11:38 (ESV) Then Jesus, **deeply moved again**, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.



- John 3:16 (ESV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
- Why did Jesus come into the world? Why was He sent?
 - to bless
 - to save
 - because of LOVE.



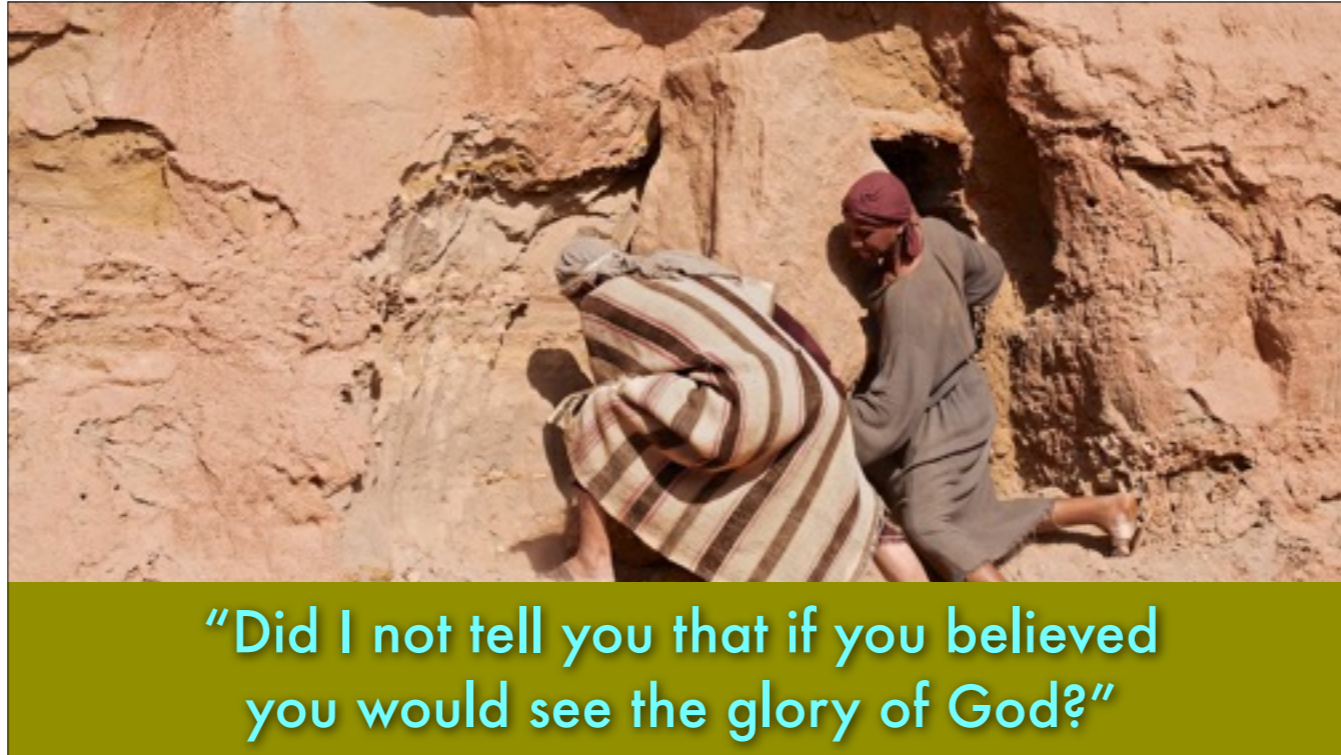
- Seeing the Glory of God



- John 11:38-39 (ESV) 38 Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone."



- John 11:39 (ESV) Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.”



“Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”

- John 11:40 (ESV) Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”



“Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.”

- John 11:41-42 (ESV) 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.”



- John 11:43-44 (ESV) 43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”
- Power over Death!
- Victory.



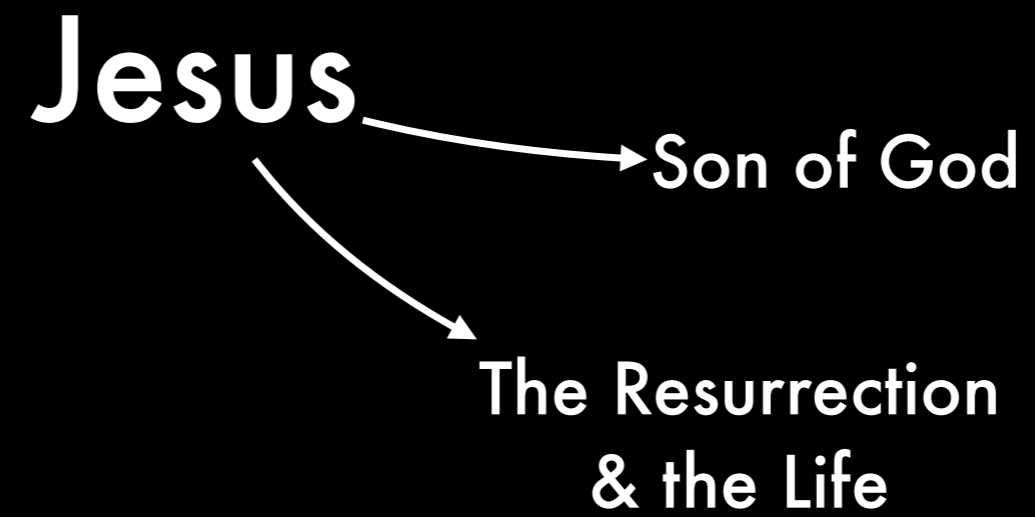
- John 11:45-48 (ESV) 45 Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, 46 but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. 47 So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. 48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”

Jesus

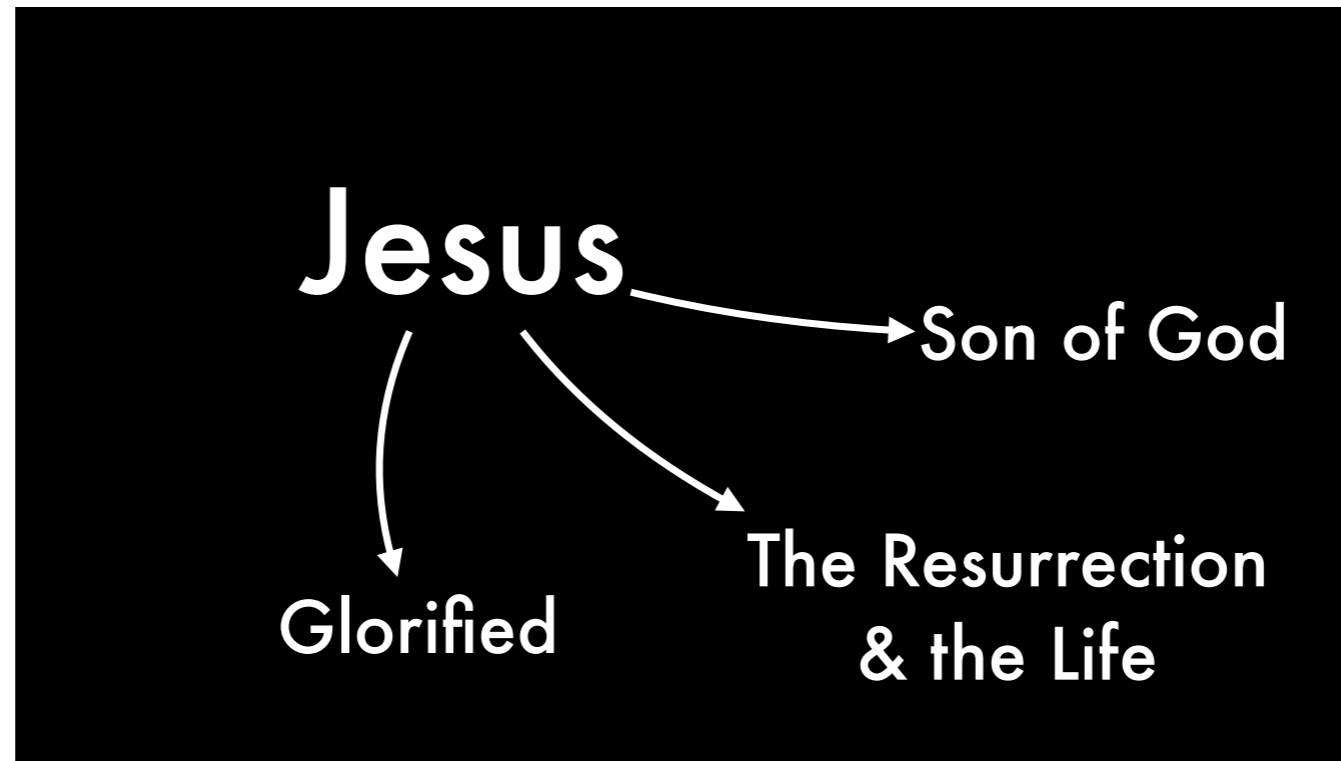
- Who is this Jesus?

Jesus → Son of God

- Romans 1:1-6 (ESV) 1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 **and was declared to be the Son of God in power** according to the Spirit of holiness **by his resurrection from the dead**, Jesus Christ our Lord, 5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, 6 including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,



- Power of life
- Victory over death
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- Glorified
 - God has made it clear that Jesus is not just another man, teacher, prophet.

Do you believe?

- Do you believe?

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20



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Synopsis: Throughout John's gospel, Jesus has repeatedly spoken to us of life, especially eternal life. Yet the his disciples and the people still don't really understand that he is the Son of God. In this last of the seven signs John shows us that Jesus is truly the Son of God and has power over death. The question is whether we believe. If we believe, we will never die.

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