

“The Greater Miracle; Lazarus was Resuscitated, Jesus Resurrected.”

Matthew 11:25-30; John 11:17-27; Romans 6:2-6

Spiritual truth is revealed to those who have faith and Jesus is thanking the Father that this is His way; otherwise we would never learn anything.

Jesus Christ was filled with the Holy Spirit and He passes it on to us; He was oriented to grace and He passes that principle on to us in saying; *“And you will find rest [faith-rest] for your souls.”*

Jesus Christ is saying here that when you get into a harness for Him, it’s the greatest thing that could ever happen to you.

The resurrection is the foundation of our faith and if the physical bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ didn’t happen, we have no faith, no forgiveness, we’re still in our sins, there’s no justification and of all people, we are the biggest fools that ever lived.

He died and all that we are in Adam died with Him; He raised and He lives and we are raised with Him and now we live a brand-new resurrection life in and through Him.

The Son of God is a a compassionate healer, a gentle spokesman for the needy, Living water, the Light of the world and the Good Shepherd who’s rejected, despised, hated, humiliated and ultimately murdered for who He was.

They can’t deny the miracle but they do deny Messiah.

Suffering removes pride and self-reliance, making us helpless, hopeless without any creature aid; perfect candidates for grace.

God’s omniscient love says ‘no’ to many prayers and sometimes, God’s loving answers include more than we asked or even thought possible!

The result for Mary, Martha and Lazarus will be joy, happiness, appreciation, spiritual growth, greater faith, much more meaningful worship and a tremendous love for Jesus Christ; halleluiah to the King of kings!

The analogy to salvation is that Jesus comes to Bethany to deal with the issue of physical death and He comes to the world to deal with the issue of spiritual death.

Jesus entered Bethany where there’s a need and He entered the world where there’s a need and He didn’t have to go to either.

True comfort is based on knowledge of biblical truth communicated and applied and all false comfort is based on the emotional involment of the soul.

Emotion will not carry us as it’s designed to be an appreciator not an initiator.

Application of the doctrine of divine essence teaches us that Jesus does not have to be present.

Believers occupied with the details of life are not prepared for crisis.

Comfort does not come from changing circumstances but from biblical truth applied.

Prayer does not take up the slack for ignorance of God’s Word.

If the Lord Jesus Christ can handle the future, He can certainly handle the present.

Under pressure is NOT the time to learn biblical principles, pressure is the time to apply biblical principles.