

WHO IS THIS BABY JESUS?

RESSURRECTION AND LIFE

John 11:25 and John 14:6

Part 2

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INTRODUCTION

The words of Christ reveal much about Himself beyond the snapshot of a baby in a manger. When we consider the seven “I AM” statements of John that are connected to unique metaphors, we are able to capture the fullness of the deity of Christ and the way in which He will seek to minister to the believer. He declares Himself to be the true “Bread”, the “Light;” and at the same time, the “Door” for the sheep and “Shepherd” that will tend to their very needs and safety. His fifth and sixth “I AM” statements are uniquely connected as they offer hope in the promise of “Resurrection” and “Life.” How is Christ able to make this promise? And what is this “Life” that He offers freely to those who believe?

Review

1. The fifth “I AM” statement: “I AM the Resurrection and the Life” (John 11:25).
2. The sixth “I AM” statement: “I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life” (John 14:6).
3. His statement: “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that ‘I AM’ ...” (John 8:21-30)

The Immediate Chain of Events

1. Christ is crucified for the sins of the world and He dies. (John 19:16-30)
2. Christ is dead and in a tomb. (John 19:31-42)
3. The Resurrection! (Luke 24:1-12)
4. Followers are perplexed and working through what has been witnessed and reported. (Luke 24:13-27)

The Resurrection

1. The resurrection of Christ is true and essential (1 Corinthians 15:12-19).
 2. The resurrection of Christ is amazing and practical (Ephesians 2:1-10):
 - a. Before faith in Christ we are “dead” in our trespasses and sins.
 - b. We are made alive in Christ!
 - c. We are raised up with Him!
- This new “alive” life begins while we are still here on earth and its full realization is experienced in eternity.

TWO FINAL QUESTIONS
ARE YOU LIVING IT?
DO YOU HAVE HOPE IN YOUR FUTURE?