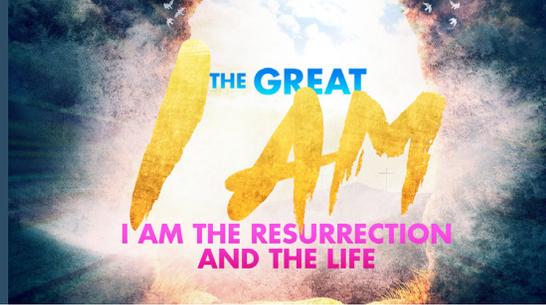


# The Great I Am SERMON NOTES

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE  
JOHN 11:17-44 | MAY 1, 2016  
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*Intro:*

1. Hand Him every \_\_\_\_\_: God Almighty is sovereign,  
and even the hardest earthly situations are under His full rule. (17-27)

2. Hand Him your \_\_\_\_\_: Jesus, our great God, has overwhelming  
compassion for our hurt in this broken world. (28-37)

3. Hand Him your \_\_\_\_\_: Jesus, our great God, has  
power over life and death. In fact, He is the resurrection and  
the life. (38-44)

*Conclusion:*

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### **New Reading Plan:**

**Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1 Cor. 15:1-34**

*Raised from the dead*

**Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 1 Cor. 15:35-58**

*God gives the victory*

**Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> - Revelation 1:1-20**

*He is alive forevermore*

**Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> - 1 Peter 1:3-21**

*Called to a living hope*

**Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> - John 14:1-14**

*I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life*

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# IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

KEY PASSAGE: John 11:17-44

Opening: Read John 11:17-44. From the passage/sermon, what truths impacted you the most?

1. From the passage:

a. What do you learn about the character of Christ?

b. What do you learn about salvation/sanctification?

2. We tend to have a formal faith (one we state to be true) and a functional faith (the faith we live out in our actions and attitudes).

a. What was the difference between Martha's formal faith and her functional faith?

b. What differences do you see in your formal faith vs. your functional faith?

3. Martha had faith in Christ's power, yet questioned His plan and timing.

a. What question(s) would you have asked Jesus if you were in her place?

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b. In what ways/circumstances have you done the same thing, saying "If You had only \_\_\_\_\_, then \_\_\_\_\_"?

c. How does an understanding of God's sovereignty affect your perspective on difficult circumstances?

4. Verse 35 says, "Jesus wept," even though He knew He was going to raise Lazarus from the dead.

a. What insight does that give you about Jesus?

b. From the following passages, what can we learn about God's compassion and love toward us?

i. Psalm 40:1-2

ii. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

iii. Psalm 86:15

iv. 1 Peter 5:6-7

Application: What situation is God asking you to hand over to Him and trust in His sovereignty? What truths from scripture will you apply to that situation?