



Daily Reflections

July 29, 2016

Scripture

John 11:19-27

Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother [Lazarus, who had died].

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him;

but Mary sat at home.

Martha said to Jesus,

“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.”

Jesus said to her,

“Your brother will rise.”

Martha said to him,

“I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus told her,

“I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and anyone who lives and believes in me will never die.
Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes, Lord.

I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,
the one who is coming into the world.”

Our Scripture Reflection

Even though the sisters Martha and Mary believed in a resurrection of the dead at the end of time when all people deemed worthy would be raised up, little did they know that their dear Friend Jesus IS The Resurrection and the life. Because of His sacrifice, when we close our eyes for the last time in this life, we will see light, not darkness.

Food for your Journey

As a young man, D.L. Moody was called upon suddenly to preach a funeral sermon. He hunted all throughout the four gospels trying to find one of Christ’s funeral sermons, but searched in vain.

He found that Christ broke up every funeral he ever attended. Death could not exist where he was. When the dead heard his voice they sprang to life. Jesus said, “I am the resurrection, and the life.”

— Dennis Marquardt, “I am the resurrection and life,” November 8, 1998, nndaog.org.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You gave Your life so that I may have the promise of new and everlasting life. Help me to live a life worthy of Your promise. Amen.

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