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A Portrait of Love - Part 7

John 11:25, “Jesus said to her, ‘I Am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die’”

This is the fifth of the “I Am” statements that Jesus makes. He makes this proclamation immediately before He raises Lazarus from the dead. It is a very strong statement because Jesus would later tell John on the Isle of Patmos: Revelation 1:18, “I Am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I Am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave.”

Jesus holds the keys of death and the grave. In other words, not only is He the giver of life, He is life itself. And, that life is a life of love. Now get this thought; everything that Jesus ever did or ever will do is motivated by His great love for us. Why? Because that is Who He Is! He is love. He did not create man to live and then just die; and that’s it. Instead He reminds us in John 10:10, “The thief comes but to kill, steal, and destroy; but I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.”

So as we enter this season of the resurrection, it should cause us to remember that as the resurrection and the life; as the One who holds the keys of death and the grave; He holds all power in His hands and will always be the Living One. Then Jesus substantiates this statement by raising Lazarus from the grave. Apart from Him, there is no resurrection and there is no eternal life. So, let me ask you a question: Is anything too difficult for Him? What is it that God is not able to do in your life? He is the essence of life, the creator of life and the holder of life. He will always be able to do what needs to be done.

I love the lyrics by Babbie Mason that state it this way:

You are love, You are life
You are Lord over everything
Alpha, Omega, Jehovah, the King of Kings
Wonderful, Way maker, worthy of my offering
Hallowed be Thy name

Dear Lord, thank You that You are life. Thank You that life comes from You and Who You are. You are life. You hold the keys of life. You are love. You give Your love and life to us. I praise You life-giver. I praise You way-maker. I love You Lord. In Jesus Name, Amen