



=I AM SERIES=

"I AM" THE RESURRECTION

JOHN 11:25

INTRODUCTION: We continue our study of the "I AM'S" of Jesus. Today's lesson deals with the fact that He is the resurrection. The resurrection of the dead was believed by the Old Testament patriarchs. (Gen. 22:5) Also notice Hebrews 11:17-19 and Job 19:25-27. It was revealed through the prophets. (Isaiah 26:19; Daniel 12:2, 13; Hosea 13:14) Miracles of the dead being raised are recorded in the New Testament. (Matthew 9:24; Luke 7:12-15; John 11:43-44). These are miracles performed by Jesus. Miracles of the dead being raised are recorded in the Old Testament also. (II Kings 4:32-35; 13:21) Jesus predicted His own resurrection. (John 10:18; Luke 24:1-8). There was a resurrection of bodies which followed the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 27:42-43). These are just a few evidences of the fact of the resurrection of the dead. All resurrection is done by Jesus, for He is the Resurrection. There are four different resurrections that we will study for the lesson for this week.

I. THE RESURRECTION AT SALVATION.

- Ephesians 2:1. By nature, a man is born a sinner and is spiritually dead. Man originally was born a three-fold creature; body, soul, and spirit. The spirit died when man sinned. When a man receives Christ as his personal Saviour, the spirit is resurrected and lives again. (Teacher, you might get three little dolls. Let these dolls represent the three parts of man--body, soul and spirit. Let the man sin, and let the doll representing the spirit drop over, representing the fact that the spirit is dead. When a person receives Christ, have this little doll representing the spirit rise up. Now man is once again body, soul and spirit, for he had been born again and he can fellowship with his God. Then let the body and soul dolls fall over dead showing the pupils that only if they have been born again can they live forever when their body and soul is gone.)

II. THE SECOND RESURRECTION IS WHEN WE GIVE ALL TO CHRIST.

- Philippians 3:10. Notice the words, "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection." There is a time in a Christian's life when he realizes he is supposed to live the resurrected life. Oh, yes, he is born again and he is going to Heaven, but he has not given all to Christ. When this time comes, there is still a new life within the new life--the life of being completely surrendered and giving all to Christ.

III. THE RESURRECTION OF THE SAVED.

- This resurrection is divided into three parts. I Cor. 15:20-23. There are three parts to the Hebrew harvest--the firstfruits, the main harvest and the gleanings. Since the resurrection is likened unto a harvest, there are three parts of God's great harvest or of the resurrection of the saved.

- ❖ **The firstfruits.** This is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He was the firstfruits of all of us who will be raised someday.
- ❖ **The Main harvest.** This will take place at the rapture when all the dead in Christ shall be raised to meet the Lord Jesus in the air.
- ❖ **The gleanings.** This is the time at the end of the tribulation period when those who have died in Christ during the tribulation period will rise.
- (Teacher, get a few artificial flowers--maybe a dozen. Put one in a box of dirt. Pick that one--the firstfruits. Then put eight or ten in the box. Pick them--the main harvest. Then put two or three in the box. Pick them--the gleanings. Then explain: the firstfruits--Christ's resurrection; the main harvest--at the rapture, and the gleanings--at the end of the tribulation period.)
- The power of the resurrection is in Romans 8:11. The Holy Spirit is the One Who resurrects. In other words, if we have not received Christ and do not have His indwelling Spirit, our bodies cannot be raised from the dead.

IV. THE RESURRECTION OF THE UNSAVED DEAD.

- Revelation 20:5. When the saved are resurrected at the rapture, the unsaved dead remain there until the millennium is over. Then they are raised and they are judged, not concerning Heaven or Hell, but concerning the degrees of punishment. This is what we call the Great White Throne Judgment.

MEMORY VERSE: John 11:25 "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:"