### **LESSONS FROM THE DEAD!**

#### - Relating Like Jesus

Mark 5:36 But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just have faith."

Mark 5:37 Then Jesus stopped the crowd and wouldn't let anyone go with him except Peter, James, and John (the brother of James).

Mark 5:38 When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw much commotion and weeping and wailing.

Mark 5:39 He went inside and asked, "Why all this commotion and weeping? The child isn't dead; she's only asleep."

Mark 5:40 The crowd laughed at him. But he made them all leave, and he took the girl's father and mother and his three disciples into the room where the girl was lying.

Mark 5:41 Holding her hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means "Little girl, get up!"

Mark 5:42 And the girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up and walked around! They were overwhelmed and totally amazed.

Mark 5:43 Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone what had happened, and then he told them to give her something to eat.

Luke 7:11 Soon afterward Jesus went with his disciples to the village of Nain, and a large crowd followed him.

Luke 7:12 A funeral procession was coming out as he approached the village gate. The young man who had died was a widow's only son, and a large crowd from the village was with her.

Luke 7:13 When the Lord saw her, his heart overflowed with compassion. "Don't cry!" he said.

Luke 7:14 Then he walked over to the coffin and touched it, and the bearers stopped. "Young man," he said, "I tell you, get up."

Luke 7:15 Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! And Jesus gave him back to his mother.

Luke 7:16 Great fear swept the crowd, and they praised God, saying, "A mighty prophet has risen among us," and "God has visited his people today."

John 11:23 Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."

John 11:25 Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.

John 11:26 Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?"

John 11:39 "Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, protested, "Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible."

John 11:43 Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!"

John 11:44 And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"

What happened in the homes where people got up from the dead. My thoughts are that the people who really loved them were overjoyed and the people who didn't weren't...well less than thrilled.

But the attitude of others is not the issue. The real issue is what changed for the resurrected folks?

# **LESSON 1**

### **RESURRECTION REQUIRES SPIRITUAL NUTRITION**

- 1. Stood Up
- 2. Walked Around
- 3. Needed to be FED

### MOVEMENT AND NUTRITION ARE VITAL FOR MAINTAINING LIFE.

Jeremiah 15:16 When I discovered your words, I devoured them.

They are my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name,

### O lord God of Heaven's Armies.

# LESSON 2

# **RESURRECTION IS A RESTORATION OF RELATIONSHIPS**

- 1. Conversation Restored
- 2. REUNITED WITH FAMILY

Matthew 5:22 But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell.:23 "So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you,:24 leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

### TODAY WE NEED A STRATEGY FOR RECONCILIATON

### LESSON 3

# **RESURRECTION IS A RELEASE FROM DEATH RAGS**

- 1. Rags were used to minimize the effect of DEATH
- 2. You LOOKED GOOD but still DEAD
- 3. YOU DO NOT NEED PROCESS OF EMBALMING IF YOU'RE ALIVE!

### LAZARUS IS THE ONLY PERSON WE INTERVIEWED WHO WAS DEAD LONGER THAN A DAY. THE ONLY ONE. ALREADY BURIED.

1 Corinthians 6:19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself,

1 Corinthians 6:20 for God bought you with a high price. So, you must honor God with your body.

2 Corinthians 6:16 And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God said: "I will live in them and walk among them.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

2 Corinthians 6:17 Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the lord.

Don't touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you.

2 Corinthians 6:18 And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the lord Almighty."

#### **HOMEWORK ACTIONS FOR YOU:**

- 1. Take inventory of your spiritual workout and nutrition. What are you eating? What muscles are you working?
- 2. Review your relationships and determine the disconnects. Do you need to ask for forgiveness? Do you need to forgive? Did you stop speaking?
- 3. Now that you are alive, what remains in your life that death required? What is your RAG REMOVAL strategy?