**Scripture:** Exodus 20 and John 11:1-32

**Singing:** 391– 266:3 – 368 – 399:1, 3 – 429:3-4

**Jesus as the Resurrection and Life**

I. When He chose to reveal Himself as such?

II. Why did He call Himself this?

**I. When He chose to reveal Himself as such?**

A. Setting was sad season: *sickness ended in death/funeral of dear brother*

1. All this was *purposeful*: vs. 4, 6, 15

a. His delay to go down to Bethany was purposeful

b. but also Lazarus’ death was *purposefully allowed*: why?

B. Setting was a dark season: *death brings depression – despair – finality*

1. Began already with disciples’ objections to return to Judea (vs. 7-8)

2. Darkness deepens as Jesus arrives & meets *broken Martha and Mary*

C. Setting was *deserved season*: Wages of sin is death – we reap sowed

1. Our situation in life is self-induced – we stand guilty: Rom. 5:12; 6:23

D. In this setting Jesus brings the *light and hope* of the world (vs. 15)

**II. Why did He call Himself the *Resurrection and the life?***

A. To encourage Martha, Mary and us in ***Who He is***

1. Martha’s words indicate she (and Mary) lacked in their faith in Jesus

2. Martha & Mary looked at the dire circumstances and felt defeated

3. Jesus’ instruction to Martha: *Look at Me and trust Me!*

a. I am **the Resurrection:** *in Me is everything needed to overcome*

*death*

b. I am **the Life: *in Me*:** *in Me is everything needed to live forever*

B. To encourage them to place their trust in Him

1. His first promise: *all those who are dead and believe in Me, shall live*

a. who are *those dead?*

2. His second promise: *all who live and believe in Me, shall never die*

a. what does *never die* mean or refer to?

● true believers do physically die (1 Cor. 15)

● yet true believers shall never *die* (Rom. 8:31-39)

**Application: The Lord’s request to Martha and us: *Believest thou this?***

A. This is Jesus’ application after *preaching Himself as Only Name!*

1. It is His common direction – direct/indirect: John 6:67; 8:24; 9:35

2. As with Martha, so with us: *He calls us to place our trust in Him,*

*despite any and all circumstances of death!*

B. True faith isn’t *only an (intellectual) knowledge and assent to His truth*

1. Such faith doesn’t go beyond faith of devils (James 2:19)

2. In true faith there isn’t only *assent* but also *consent*

a. *In believing to the saving of the soul, we not only assent to the*

*truth of the Word, but we also consent to take Christ as He is set forth by God.* (O. Winslow)

b. such a consent implies a ‘divorce’ (Ps. 45:10-11; Phil. 3:8-9)

Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world. (John 11:27)

Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou

wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? John 11:40