

## The Meaning Of Life

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This week Pastor Jon shared the story of Lazarus being resurrected from the dead from John 11. In this amazing story the humanity of Jesus is brought out. It is here that Jon teaches us the two realities of life. He opened by saying Jesus was the Life and Light.

*"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12, ESV)*

Jesus is contrasting people who can see, yet remain blinded by darkness and people who are alive and yet are dying on the inside.

### Two Realities Of Life

Before we get saved there is only one reality and that is the human reality. When we get saved we are born into a new reality...the spiritual reality. Jesus shows two seemingly different sides of Himself when he spoke to Martha and Mary.

- His response to Martha was from a spiritual reality.
- His response to Mary was from a human reality.

Most people tend to view Christianity through only one of these "Sides":

The spiritual reality is your new identity. You should be so settled in your identity as a child of God who is born into God's kingdom that none of the events in this life shake your faith, joy or peace.

*"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." (Colossians 3:2-3, ESV)*

*Then and only then can you be fully engaged in the world around you, enjoying it's beauties without becoming intoxicated and addicted to them and facing the pain it brings without being crushed and losing all hope.*

**Why do we get crushed when we lose someone we love, can't afford to buy what we want, don't receive the affirmation that we need and can't find the approval we've tried to earn?**

**Spiritual** only people, are pretty religious and tend to focus on **separating** themselves from sinners and protecting themselves from the world. Jesus showed us both spiritual and human at the same time. The example in the story of Lazarus is “Jesus wept” and Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. He had compassion on the people. Focusing on the needs of others is the human side (compassion).

**If we are supposed to live in both realities where do we find a balance? If we are too spiritually minded we are of no earthly good. Can you find that balance in your walk with the Lord?**

### Life Through Jesus

He was moved because people had confused what mattered most, not because Lazarus was dead at the moment. **“This life” meant too much, and “eternal life” meant too little.** Jesus is Life and Light. He is everything they were looking for but they were not seeing it.

Jesus knew who He was.

*“Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God,” (John 13:3, ESV)*

*“All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:3–5, ESV)*

Jesus says, “I will show you that you can walk the earth yet still have the confidence of heaven.”

**The Bible says “Where your heart is that is where your treasure is”. Christ is our anchor, the solid rock. Where is your core identity? Is it locked in Jesus?**

Put your trust in Jesus and rest in Him.