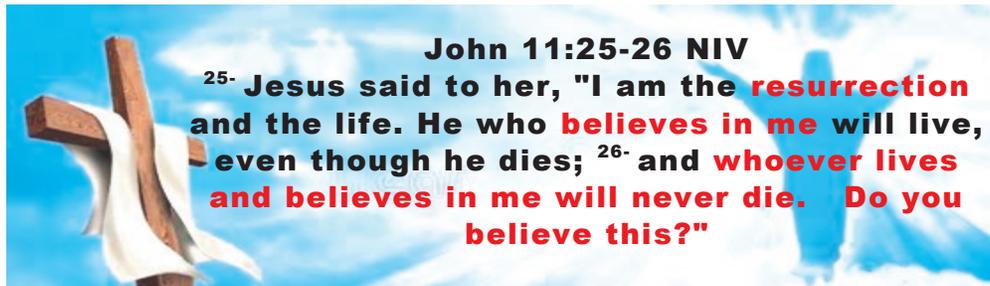


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PASTOR'S LESSON TO LIVE BY

The FACTS ABOUT EASTER



To me, the real factual meaning and effect of Easter is summed up in John 11:25-26. Everything Jesus did and said was focused on our eternal wellbeing and happiness. Try to stay focused on the powerful Godly facts surrounding that Resurrection Sunday.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the **cornerstone** of our Christian faith. This event, which occurred around two thousand years ago, is the **best attested fact** in human history and **experience**. The resurrection of Jesus was **predicted** in the Old Testament and by **Jesus Himself**. During the **forty days** following His resurrection, Jesus showed Himself to be alive from the dead by "**many infallible proofs**." **He appeared** at various times and places to many people who told others what they had seen. His resurrection has been at the **heart** of the church's message from the Day of Pentecost to the present. By rising from the dead, Jesus Christ **demonstrated** that He had cleansed the guilt of our past and is able to help us in our present lives. **His resurrection assures** us that our future is safe and secure. Without Christ's resurrection we would have no salvation from sin, and no hope for our own future resurrection. The **empty tomb** is proof of Jesus' deity. It **guarantees** the **future resurrection** of believers. His resurrection also provides believers with **spiritual power today**. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ is **evidence** that God will one day judge the world in **righteousness**.

It was a big question that Jesus asked Martha. He had just told her that **He is the Resurrection and The Life**. But to her, the brother she loved so dear, was rotting in a tomb. So it is understandable that she was having a problem with relating His Words to her family's present grief. His **Question** though, was the question which, if answered in the affirmative, guaranteed **Salvation, Resurrection and Eternal Life**; (*Do You Believe This?*). She said "**Yes I believe**", and Jesus resurrected her brother. Later, at **Jesus' own Resurrection Sunday**, He proved that He **Was - Is - and Forever Will Be**, **King** of kings and **Lord** of lords.

"I BELIEVE"

So therefore, if I don't see you before,
I'll see you at the **Resurrection** - if You Too, Believe!