

A vibrant red background with a gold border. On the left, there are pink cherry blossoms on dark, gnarled branches. A red tassel ornament hangs from the branches. The text is centered on the right side.

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I Am  
The  
Resurrection

JOHN 11:17-44

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*Blessed Lunar New Year*

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*John 11: 17 – 37*

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.

*John 11: 17 – 37*

<sup>31</sup> When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

*John 11: 17 – 37*

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

*John 11: 17 – 37*



Jesus, the Resurrection and the  
Life, changes everything.



Through 'I Am the Resurrection and the Life' we see Jesus'

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2. Presence
3. Power

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<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, <sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup> So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, **“Let us also go, that we may die with him.”**

*John 11: 14 – 16*

Even if they had to die, they will still follow Jesus!

We can trust and believe God's purposes, even when it doesn't make sense, because Jesus is in our hearts.

Many things about tomorrow, I  
don't seem to understand.

But I know who holds tomorrow,  
and I know who holds my hand.



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**2. Presence** – Jesus' presence brings  
truth AND comfort.

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To Martha, He responded with truth. To Mary, He responded with comfort.

In the presence of Jesus, truth  
and comfort always go hand in  
hand.

When we hit difficult moments in life, our responses shift from either truth or comfort.

Jesus is the perfect counsellor  
because He embodies both truth  
and comfort.



Oh, to grace how great a debtor,  
daily I'm constrained to be. Let  
thy goodness like a fetter, bind  
my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander Lord I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love!  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and  
seal it, seal it for Thy courts  
above.

Jesus' truth and comfort can  
resurrect our faith and bring forth  
life as we are dead to our sin.

Jesus' truth and comfort can  
resurrect our faith and bring forth  
life, even now!

**3. Power** – We can lean on Jesus’  
resurrecting power

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, **“Take away the stone.”** Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”

The only way Lazarus can walk  
out of that grave was for Jesus  
Himself to walk in.

The resurrection is not just a matter of giving or returning life back.



**The Good Shepherd**  
lays down His life for us.

**The Light of the World**  
grants us strength to obey Him.

**The Resurrection and the Life**  
redeems and renews us

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Don't run to the small 'gods' we  
have created in our lives.

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We need others to help us to  
expose the lies and blind spots in  
our lives.

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There is value in articulating your  
pain. There is value in the tears.



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Jesus has broken the curse of sin  
in our lives, and we don't have to  
live in bondage anymore.

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