

**BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH: GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
**BELIEVING JESUS THE CHRIST: 19. LIFTED UP**  
**MORNING, APRIL 4, 2021**

KEY TEXT: JOHN 10-12

INTRODUCTION:

-since the “hour” means the cross, why does Jesus keep speaking of it as the hour to be g\_\_\_\_\_?

I/ ANTICIPATING THE RESURRECTION: John 10

1. Abundance of Life Promised: 10:10, 27-29

-through the death of the G\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_, His “sheep” receive e\_\_\_\_\_ life

2. Authority Over Life Asserted: 10:17-18

-this is the “sovereign choice of the Son”: His good p\_\_\_\_\_ to be offered as a s\_\_\_\_\_ for the sheep

II/ ASSURED OF THE RESURRECTION: John 11

1. Battling Death

-the death of Lazarus reveals how people generally feel about death:

- death works on its own schedule, the e\_\_\_\_\_ of life
- death is f\_\_\_\_\_: why go back where they just tried to kill you?
- death is f\_\_\_\_\_: why go back after four days? And when He gets there, why open the tomb?

2. Believing in Jesus

a) walk in the l\_\_\_\_\_: 11:9-10; see John 8:12; 9:5: our traditional perspectives are being shaken: we know something of death from *this* side – but Jesus is from a\_\_\_\_\_!

b) working God’s work:

-what had Jesus already taught them? Compare John 5:19-27; 10:17-18, 27-28:

- 5:21: Jesus does whatever the Father does: He g\_\_\_\_\_ life to whomever He will
- 5:24-25: not only *can* death be o\_\_\_\_\_, for those who believe in Jesus it already has been!
- 5:28-29: future j\_\_\_\_\_ is based on the present reality of believing in Jesus
- 10:17-18: this will be seen supremely when the Lord Jesus Himself l\_\_\_\_\_ down, and t\_\_\_\_\_ up, His life
- 10:27-28: those who follow Him shall never p\_\_\_\_\_

-John 11:21-27 builds on these themes: it is all because Jesus H\_\_\_\_\_ *is* the resurrection and the life!

III/ APPLYING THE RESURRECTION: John 12

1. Treasuring Eternity: 12:25-26

-the resurrection teaches us to live “with eternity’s values in view”; Jesus charts the course through suffering to g\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 8:18; 1 Peter 1:11); He is our “trail-blazer” (Hebrews 6:18-20); therefore “set your a\_\_\_\_\_ on things above” (Colossians 3:2)

2. Time for Judgment: 12:31

-the resurrection is the vindication of the c\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus: He was not a blasphemer, but truly the Son of God who completed His m\_\_\_\_\_; now is the judgment of the w\_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:36)

3. Trusting the Light: 12:35-36

-11:15: the purpose, “that you might b\_\_\_\_\_”; do not be those who love d\_\_\_\_\_

## LORD'S TABLE DEVOTIONS: THE CROSS AND THE CHURCH

### 2. PRESERVE THE GOSPEL BOLDLY

EASTER EVENING, APRIL 4, 2021

KEY TEXT: 1 Timothy 3:14-16; 2 Timothy 1:8-14; 2:8-10

-what do the letters to Timothy and Titus teach us about the impact of the cross and resurrection on our message and life?

1. **Proclaim Grace Boldly:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17; 2:1-6
2. **Preserve the Gospel Boldly:** 1 Timothy 3:14-16; 2 Timothy 1:8-14; 2:8-10
3. **Practice Godliness Blamelessly:** Titus 2:11-3:8

#### I/ THE GROUND AND GLORY OF THE TRUTH: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

##### 1. Truth Manifested in Christ: 1 Timothy 3:16

-the Gospel has been accomplished, announced, and acknowledged in the Lord Jesus Christ: this is the “mystery of godliness” now revealed through Jesus

##### 2. Truth Maintained by the Church: 1 Timothy 3:14-15

-the church is the “house” (Temple theme, as in Ephesians 2:18-22), or “household” (the family) of God – and therefore behave accordingly:

- as the “pillar”, hold the truth aloft so that others see its glory
- as the “ground”, protect and maintain the truth as it has been received

-contrast “great is Diana of the Ephesians”, Acts 19:28

#### II/ THE GOSPEL'S POWER AND PROCLAMATION: 2 Timothy 1:8-13

##### 1. The Plan Clarified: Life and Immortality Brought to Light: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

a) according to God's power: Paul's bold requests (2 Timothy 1:6-7) are grounded in this Gospel now revealed

b) according to God's purpose and grace:

-the world was made to declare the glory of God, and since the cross and resurrection are the climactic displays of that glory, the plan of God was there “before the beginning began”

-but it did not stay on the drawing table: it was turned into action, and as Paul likes to say, “But Now...!”

##### 2. The Preacher's Confidence: 2 Timothy 1:11-13

-the message is exclusive, because it is effective: the cross is the only possible answer for human beings who must be made right with God; and therefore the preaching of the cross cannot be dismissed!

-no shame to preaching the Gospel! Its truth holds up, and God does exceedingly above all we ask or think (Ephesians 3:20-21): so “hold fast the form of sound words”!

#### III/ THE GLORY WORTHY AND WAITING: 2 Timothy 2:8-10

##### 1. Remember the Risen Christ

-none of this clouds the fact that Paul is suffering: so “remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead according to the Gospel”! That is why summary statements like 1 Tim.3:16 are so important: the Word of God, after all, makes us wise for salvation (2 Timothy 3:14-4:5)

##### 2. Resist Despair: what are Paul's exhortations to Timothy, in light of the resurrection of Christ?

- do not be ashamed: the Gospel is powerful and effective; think also about Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
- do not lose your grip on the truth: it will not change, and remains a “faithful saying” – and this stands behind the call for godly teachers who hold fast the Word
- but above all: do not forget Jesus Christ! Life and immortality, power and grace, faith and glory – we obtain salvation through Him!