

Are your feet moving toward the finish line? Is your brain a bit weary? All that may be true and if so, hopefully your heart is full! Full with these wonderful Truths about Jesus and His gift to us. I am so blessed to have been on this journey with you. God has given us Truth that we have hidden in our hearts and as a result it is there for good. I encourage you to draw from the well of these Truths often. The Truth sets us free!

John 11:27

When we arrive at John 11:27, we see Martha seeking freedom and proclaiming it over her life with a bold confession. Jesus has just presented her with Truth of His identity and then asked her a question, a question that we all have to answer as we come face to face with Jesus. Jesus states clearly that He is the resurrection and the life and whoever believes in Him will never die but live eternally. He then asks, **“Do you believe this?”** Her answer is our verse for this week, our final verse in this memorization project.

“Yes Lord,” she told Him. I believe You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God, who was to come into the world.”

It is a wonderful thing to believe. Jesus may not be physically standing in front of each one of us asking us if we believe, and yet I know it is a question He is asking us. It is a question that surfaces daily as we live in this world with all of its perceptions, experiences and distractions. I have to answer this question often throughout my day. Do I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God who was prophesied to come into the world to save me and give me life? Do I really believe that, do you really believe that?

As we approach Easter this coming Sunday, it is always a good time reconsider this question and what it means in our life. This is such a profound question. We can answer it with words, but our real belief will be shown in how we allow our belief to influence our daily steps through life, our decisions, our attitudes, our relationships.

In this same chapter, Jesus approaches the tomb of Martha’s dead brother Lazarus and He asks for the stone to be removed. Martha questions this, knowing there will be a bad odor, as her brother has been dead for four days. I love Jesus’ words to her in verse 40. He says, **“Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”** He then raises Lazarus from the dead!

How often do we say in our hearts and with our mouths that we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, who was to come into the world and then when Jesus speaks to us to do something that doesn’t make sense, we argue back or do our own thing?

Perhaps as we conclude this memorization project and approach this Easter and the days beyond, we need to allow another question to touch our ears as well. This is the question, **“Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”**

Jesus was **Announced**, he was **Born**, He was **Commissioned** to a mission, He was **Devoted** to it and He was raised from the dead to be **Exalted** over all. We believe this. We know it to be true, that He is the Christ the Son of the Living God. We believe and these Truths are hidden in our hearts.

As we move beyond this project, dealing with the cares and concerns of daily life, I encourage you to affirm your belief in Jesus daily and when it grows difficult to believe, remind yourself of His encouragement, ***“Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”*** His glory will move beyond the normal, the explainable, the earthly and His glory can set us free.

May you see His glory, may you know His freedom. You have planted His Truth in your hearts and the Bible says, ***“You shall know the Truth and the Truth will set you free!”***

Free in Jesus and His Truth,
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