

# Introduction...

- Our Jesus series began with the revelation of Christ as God.
- We have begun our journey from the Gospel of John.
- This Gospel begins not with Jesus arriving as a human but as the God who was existent before the creation of the world.
- We then examined what Jesus came to do:
- 1- to take away the SIN and sin of the world
- 2. to fulfil the original plan of God with Adam and the Human race. As the Last ADAM, He came to start a whole new Human race who have Eternal Life and will live with God forever.



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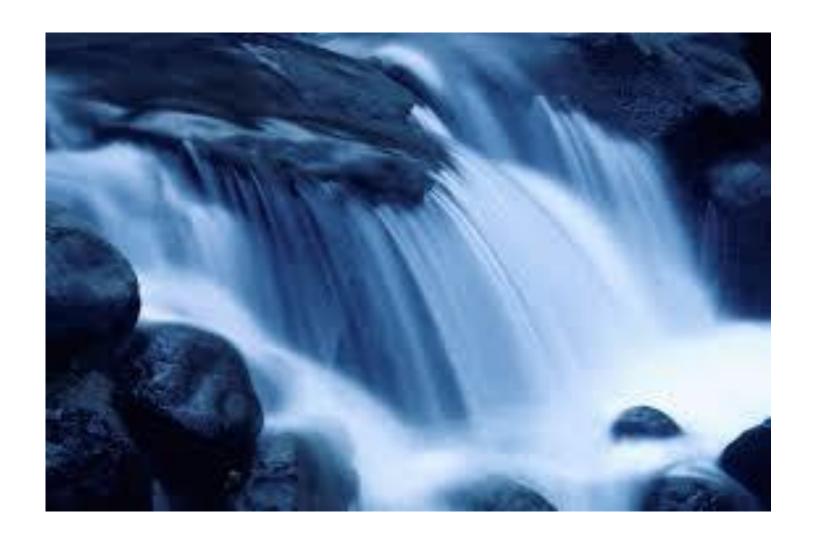
- 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:
- 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:12
- So, we will explore this a bit further in this study before we go deeper into the Gospel of John.
- In effect our last six studies have all come out from the first Chapter of John!



# Jesus Encounter...

- When you meet Jesus something amazing happens to you:
- YOU COME ALIVE!!
- "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup> He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.

  John 7:38
- When you meet Jesus and believe in Him, you are renewed spiritually.



## Jesus Encounters...

- There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him,
- "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."
- <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, <u>unless</u> <u>one is born again</u>, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
- 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"
- <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, <u>unless one is born of</u> <u>water and the Spirit</u>, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
- <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- John 3:1-6



# Jesus Encounters..

- <sup>7</sup> A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."
- 8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.
- <sup>9</sup> Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.
- 10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you,
- 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and <u>He</u> would have given you living water."
- John 4;7-10



# Jesus Encounters..

- <sup>13</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,
- 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."
  John 4:13-14





#### SPIRIT...

- <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth;
- for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. <sup>24</sup> <u>God is Spirit,</u> and those who worship Him must worship <u>in spirit</u> and truth."

  John 4:24
- Those who come to Jesus come in contact with the essence of LIFE. He emanates LIFE and dispenses LIFE to all who believe in Him.
- If God is SPIRIT, then those who are Born of God are SPIRIT too.

## SPIRIT...

- <sup>26</sup> I will give you a new heart and put <u>a</u>
   new spirit within you; I will take the
   heart of stone out of your flesh and
   give you a heart of flesh.
- <sup>27</sup> I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*.

**Ezekiel 36:26** 



### SPIRIT...

- In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also,
- having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,



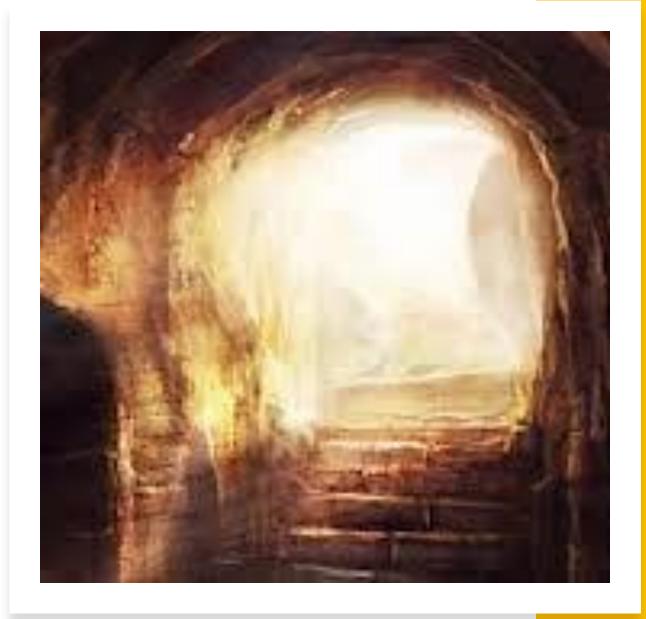
## ALIVE...

1 Peter 1:23
 having been <u>born again</u>, not of
 corruptible seed but incorruptible,
 through the word of God which lives and
 abides forever,

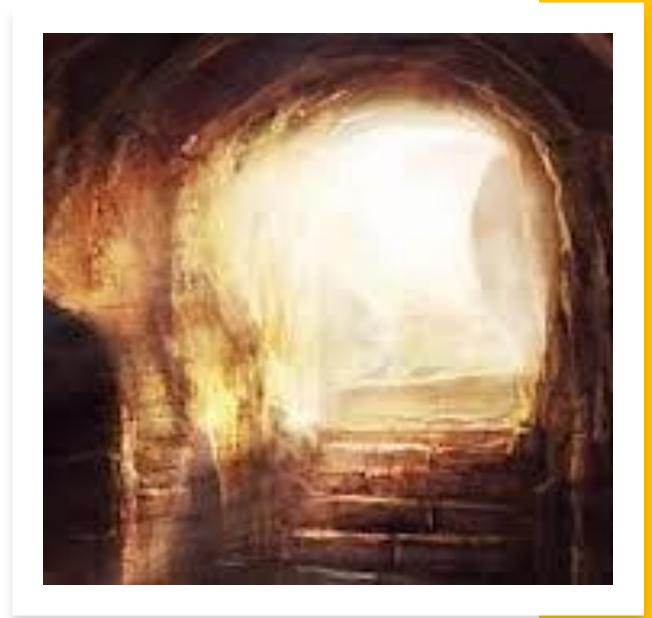


#### Jesus Encounters...

- Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying.
- And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard, Me. <sup>42</sup> And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me."
- <sup>43</sup> Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice,
- "Lazarus, come forth!"
- <sup>44</sup> And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go." John 11:40-44

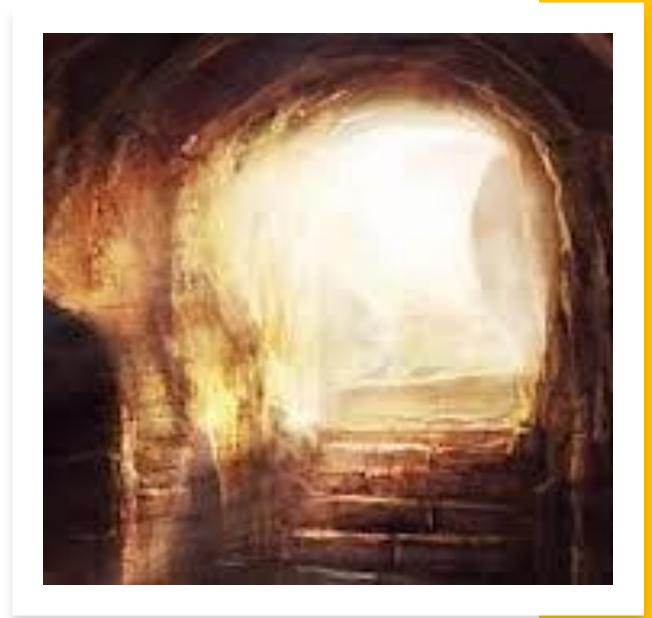


- Followers of Jesus are followers of Life.
- The Life of God is in them not just as living forever but the QUALITY of Life is that which exudes from God
- This reality will be explored more in the Epistles of Paul
- Jesus is the essence of LIFE.



## LIFE

• I am the Way the Truth and the LIFE.... Jn 14:6



- It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing.
- The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.
   John 6:63





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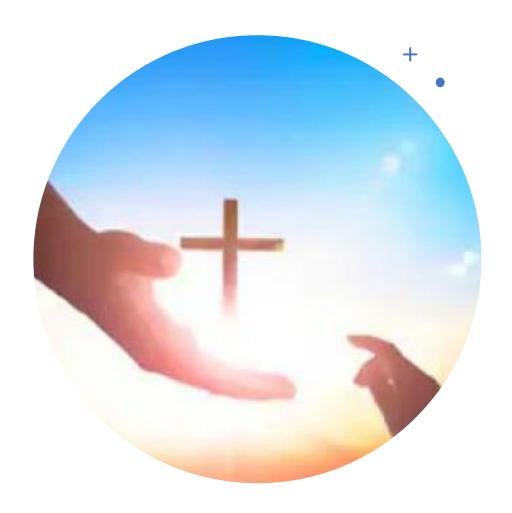
 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. John 14:19

 For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. Jn 5:21



# JESUS...LIFE

- Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain;
   and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd.
- 12 And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, <u>a dead man</u> was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.
- 13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."
- 14 Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."
- 15 So <u>he who was dead sat up and began to speak.</u> And He presented him to his mother.



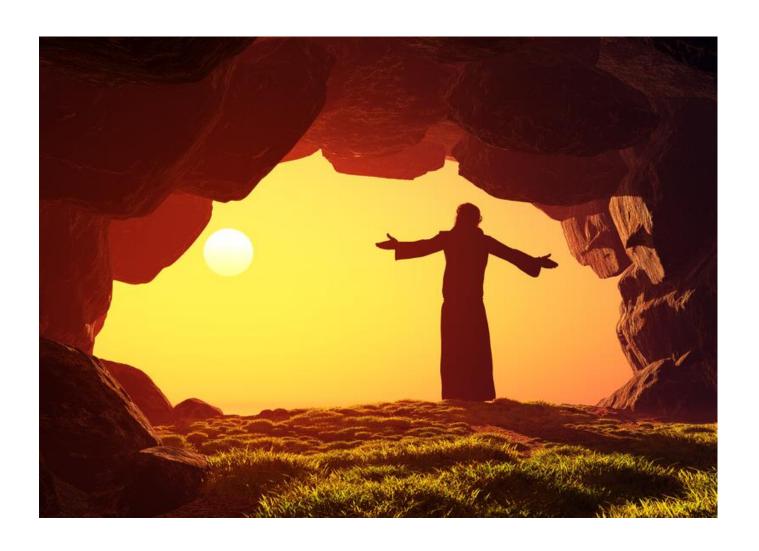


 "Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.

Jn 5:25



- "For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
- "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever;
- and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for <u>the life</u> of the world." Jn 6:33,51



- Jesus said to her,
- "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.
- <sup>26</sup> And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25,26

