## 37th - Bible Seeds Podcast

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Intro Music - "My Father Is So Good To Me"

## Intro narrative by Carl Vasta

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God's Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what's happening to us in our daily lives.

I'll touch on such topic as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I'll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic is **The Personal Joy Of Easter** 

What is the personal joy of celebrating Easter or as it is now called: "Resurrection Sunday"?

When we look back at the story in the bible where Jesus brought Lazarus back to life after his being dead 4 days in the tomb, we may notice

the conversation Martha had with Jesus when she saw him. It went like this:

Lazarus had been buried four days when Jesus had arrived and many Judeans had come to comfort Martha and Mary.

When Martha heard that Jesus was there, she went out to meet him while Mary remained in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, If you had been here, my brother would not have died. but I know that even now God will give you what-ever you ask him for."

"Your brother will rise to life", Jesus told her. "I know", she replied, "that he will rise to life on the last day".

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live even though he dies and whoever lives and believes in me will never die". The book of John, Chapter 11: verses 17-26

Jesus then said to Martha, **Do You Believe This?** If you read this section, you will see that Martha didn't give him a direct answer to his question but said, "Yes, Lord: I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world."

Remember that before Jesus had gone to Lazarus, He told his disciples that he was now going to wake Lazarus for he has fallen asleep. And the disciples responded, "If he is asleep, he will wake up."

And in verse 15 of this reading, Jesus told them plainly,

"Lazarus is dead, and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that YOU may believe: but let us go to him."

While Jesus walked the Earth, the Father glorified Him with many miracles so that all would believe, that the Father sent Him *To take their sins and give them everlasting life.* 

Not like the life we live here on Earth with all of it's pain and sorrow, the corruption of our mortal bodies and the labor and strife that are with us everyday! And then finally, Death! The wages, which is the payment for our sins.

But even Martha was to be amazed at what was going to happen because when Jesus asked for the stone to be removed from the entrance of the tomb, she told him, "Lord there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days."

Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you, if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

Then Jesus raised His eyes and said,

"Father, I thank you that You have heard Me. And I know that You hear me always; but because of the people standing around I said it, that they may believe that You did send Me."

# Then Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb and he came out!

That was over 2000 years ago that Jesus walked the Earth as a man and raised Lazarus back to life? Is it harder for us now, to believe than it was for Martha and Mary and the Apostles?

When one of our loved ones dies today, do we say "Why Lord"?

If you had been here, my loved one wouldn't have died. She would have been cured of the cancer that took her life!

He wouldn't have died in the auto accident from a drunk driver!

They wouldn't have been the victims of a senseless shooting!

Remember! Jesus brought Lazarus back to life before He took our sins on the cross. And would it make you feel better to have your love ones die twice from this Earth. Lazarus did! And what might Jesus say if he answered your question today: "Where were you Lord? If you had been here, my loved ones wouldn't have died."

Jesus might say, 'I have been here for you and your loved ones all of your lives'. Where have you been?

If you and your loved ones truly believed, that the Father sent me to take your sins on that cross, you would rejoice at Easter and every day, that your loved ones are with Me in heaven; happier than they have ever been on this Earth, and your heart would be filled with joy for them and for you because of the promise of your return to Me.

#### Back Ground Music Starts and .....

I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given His Son Jesus, ( the good shepherd ), to bring you back to him

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This is your host Carl Vasta and I thank you for tuning in to Bible Seeds at Understanding God's Word.

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