"Lazarus, Come Out!"

I can only guess how many graves I've seen while officiating at funerals across the East, West, South, and Mid-West United States. In addition, my wife has tried to trace the burial sites of her ancestors in Texas, Missouri, and Tennessee so I've traipsed across many old cemeteries with her looking at barely legible headstones and markers. All graveyards share this—silence broken only by wind and frequent sounds of sorrow, regret, and weeping.

One day in Bethany cemetery near Jerusalem, something different happened. An occurrence took place that I've never seen in the many burial grounds I've visited. No one now alive has either. A man commanded a corpse to come alive and walk out of its burial site.

The dead body amazingly obeyed. The four-days-dead Lazarus came alive and enjoyed a reunion with his sisters. This stunning occurrence previewed a sudden, worldwide event to come. Jesus will command everybody, live or dead, to appear. Some will rise to eternal life with him. Others will meet condemnation. What will happen at your grave?

Are you currently obeying the only being who commands life? He makes life now even more pleasant, rewarding, and fulfilling. He is the "resurrection and the life."

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