

"Wednesday Word"

10am 24th June 2020 Ken Fenton

Easter this year - churches closed - Easter lost amid Covid 19 - we missed hearing of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

So let's consider Jesus' teaching at the death of Lazarus and we can also draw some lessons from God's beautiful *liquid amber* tree...



Jesus is the resurrection and the life

John 11

17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.
18 Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, 19 and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.
21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."
23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

25 **Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"**

Q. Where are the gardeners? The Rectory front yard has a magnificent liquid amber tree:

Each leaf is connected to the branch, just as we stay connected to our Creator, our life-giver, thru the Lord Jesus

Beautiful autumn leaf - rich red - in autumn of its life it is most beautiful. Our prayer is that God will deepen his good work in our lives at every stage.

Even while autumn leaves remain, new buds are forming. Jesus, too, promises new life, springtime, resurrection, as Jesus said "the one who believes in me will live, even though they die".



Q What did this mean for Martha? What does this mean for you?