I Am The Resurrection
And The Life
7.26.15
“Jesus’ concern is to divert Martha’s focus from an abstract belief in what takes place on the Last Day, to a personalized belief in him who alone can provide it. Jesus makes eschatology existential, the future present, hope visible, the then now, the thing a person.”

-Bruner
Jesus has made death for believers a conquered superseded event of minimal duration.
Jesus is looking at our greatest nightmare - the loss of life, the loss of loved ones and of love - and he is incensed!
“This is why when Jesus approached the tomb, instead of smiling at the prospect of putting on a great show, he was shaking with anger and tears on his cheeks. He knew what it cost him to save us from death. Maybe he was able at that moment to feel the jaws of death closing in on him. And yet knowing and experiencing all that, he cried, Lazarus, Come out!” The witnesses said about Jesus, “see how he loved Lazarus”; but really we must behold how he loves us. He became human, mortal, vulnerable, killable - all out of love for us.”

-Tim Keller
“The Son of God suffered unto death, not that men might not suffer, but that their sufferings might be like his.”
- George MacDonald
"For example, why is it so hard to face suffering? Why is it so hard to face disability and disease? Why is it so hard to do the right thing if you know it's going to cost you money, reputation, maybe even your life? -It's so hard because we think (and act, as though) this broken world is the only world were ever going to have. It’s easy to feel as if this money is the only wealth we'll ever have...But if Jesus is risen, if he is the resurrection and the life, then your future is so much more beautiful, and so much more certain, than that."

-Tim Keller
Finally, only through the resurrection, are we able to be truly human and present with people in their suffering, entering into their suffering, bearing their pain and loss. We are able to weep over sin, suffering and death in the world and not be overcome and destroyed by it, because we know and have hope in the one who overcame sin and death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.