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## Confession –

‘homologeō’ (g) – to assent, that is, acknowledge; to profess

‘logos’ (g) – something said

“give account”

‘homologia’ (g) - acknowledgement, profession

To own, avow or acknowledge; publicly to declare a belief in and adherence to; to own and acknowledge, as true disciples, friends or children; to declare to be true, or to admit or assent to in words;

opposed to deny; to show by the effect; to prove; to attest.

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John 8 : 17 – 18

“It is also written...the testimony of two...is true.”

‘marturia’ – evidence given: a report

I Timothy 5 : 17 – 20

“Do not receive an accusations...except from...witnesses.”

Why do you need witnesses?

For a testimony; for a confession of what they saw.

Why two or three?

For accuracy and credibility

Romans 10 : 10

“...with the mouth confession is made...”

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“I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.” (John 8 : 18)

Who did Jesus say He was, is, and will ever be?

Jesus said – “I AM”

I –

The pronoun of the first person; the word which expresses one's self, or that by which a speaker or writer denotes himself

Am –

to be, to exist, to happen, to be present

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John 6 : 35

“I am the bread of life...”

John 8 : 12

“I am the light of the world...”

John 10 : 9

“I am the door...”

John 10 : 11

“I am the good shepherd...”

John 11 : 25

“I am the resurrection, and the life...”

John 14 : 6

“I am the way, the truth, and the life...”

John 15 : 1, 5

“I am the true vine...I am the vine...”

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John 11 : 25

**“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.”**

What is resurrection?

‘anastasis’ – a standing up again, that is, (literally) a resurrection from death – raised to life again

What resurrection is not:

Resurrection is not reincarnation

Reincarnation is the religious or philosophical concept that the soul or spirit, after biological death, begins a new life in a new body that may be human, animal or spiritual depending on the moral quality of the previous life's actions.

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**“I am the resurrection and the life...”**

How is Jesus the resurrection?

I Corinthians 15 : 12 – 22

“...He raised up Christ...we have hope in Christ...”

What is the resurrection?

I Corinthians 15 : 50 – 57

“...corruptible must put on incorruption...  
mortal...immortality...”

I Thessalonians 4 : 13 – 18

“...the dead in Christ will rise...”

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John 14 : 1 – 6

**“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”**

“Lord we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

What does it mean to be “the way”?

‘hodos’ - a road, figuratively a mode or means; metaphorically a course of conduct

What does it mean to be “the truth”?

‘aletheia’ – truth; objectively what is true in any matter under consideration, what is true in things appertaining to God and the duties of man, moral and religious truth

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Jesus stated that He is the resurrection. That He is the way and the truth...but He is also **the life**.

What does it mean to be “the life”?

‘zoe’ – life; of the absolute fullness of life, both essential and ethical, which belongs to God

life real and genuine, a life active and vigorous, devoted to God, blessed, in the portion even in this world of those who put their trust in Christ, but after the resurrection to be consummated by new accessions (among them a more perfect body), and to last for ever.

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Jesus is “the life” and that is what makes Him “the way”, “the truth”, “the resurrection.”

Will there be “a resurrection”?

Yes

Is there “a way”?

Yes

Is there “a truth”?

Yes

There is only ONE way, truth, and resurrection which leads to LIFE – and that is Jesus.

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Can you make the same confessions as Jesus?

Jesus was, is, and will ever be:

The bread of life

The light of the world

The door

The good shepherd

The resurrection and the life

The way, the truth, and the life

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Mat 10 : 32 – 33