

Why the Resurrection Matters.

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

1 Corinthians 15:1–11 (NKJV)

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶ After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷ After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸ Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which was* with me.

¹¹ Therefore, whether *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Introduction

Men have been trying for centuries to preserve the body in some way to await the future life to come. Yesterday in the news a couple of news articles stated,

“Experts claim humans could achieve IMMORTALITY by 2030 - and one futurist even says we'll be able to attend our own FUNERALS in a new body”

“First anti-aging pills to hit shelves in 2028, expert predicts - as Silicone Valley races to conquer death”

As far back as the Egyptians who attempted to preserve and mummify the body for transportation into the after life.

Others have opted for an easier approach of pantheism where god is in everything and you are absorbed into the cosmos, but beyond the long list of who's who among intellectuals, if you have enough money and time you can opt for Cryogenics.

I'm referring to the highly scientific approach to putting your body in a deep freeze to awake Elon Musk to figure out how to get out alive.

“[For] most cryonicists, there’s two things you’ll find. We are sci-fi lovers, obviously. We’re also optimists,” says Dennis Kowalski, the president of the Cryonics Institute, a non-profit based in Michigan and one of a handful of companies worldwide offering its line of services.

That optimism is important, because cryonic preservation and reanimation is “100 percent not possible today,” according to Kowalski. But, he says, “we’re not at the zenith of all of our knowledge right now, and we certainly have more to learn and to discover in the future.” Kowalski, a former paramedic, cites modern life-saving interventions like cardiac defibrillation and CPR as examples of how science can drastically change — for most of human history, people generally agreed that there’s no way to save someone whose heart has stopped. “And now,” he says, “it’s pretty darn routine.”

Based on that premise — that someday, science will find solutions to biological damage that’s irreparable by today’s standards — the aim of cryonics is to keep bodies in a stable, preserved state until the necessary medical technology arrives. Even to its staunchest adherents, cryonics isn’t a guarantee; Kowalski describes it as “an ambulance ride to a

future hospital that may or may not exist.” But he views the field as a sort of Pascal’s wager — we’re definitely going to die, so if there’s even an outside chance of prolonging life through cryonics, there’s nothing to lose and potentially a second lifetime to gain.

How the Cryonic Process Works

When someone who’s made arrangements to have their remains cryonically preserved is declared dead, a medical team cools the body with ice water and keeps the body’s tissues oxygenated using CPR and oxygen masks. The ice-cold body is put in a hermetically sealed container and flown to the cryonics facility. (A note on nomenclature — freezing a cadaver is cryonics, not cryogenics. Cryogenics is the science and engineering of super-low temperatures.)

At the cryonics facility, the team puts the body on a machine similar to a heart-lung bypass, circulating the blood and maintaining oxygenation. They pump in a vitrification solution that works like antifreeze to keep the body’s tissues from turning to ice crystals, in hopes of minimizing structural damage. Then, they slowly cool the body to -320 °F in a liquid

nitrogen vapor chamber. Once it's cold enough, the body is transferred to a Thermos-like tank of liquid nitrogen, where it'll stay for the foreseeable future. The patrons' fees (**around \$28,000 per person**) maintain the institute's endowment to keep the organization running in perpetuity.

The bodies will wait in these tanks until medical technology (hopefully) is able to revive them. Kowalski says there are three challenges for this future tech to overcome: it'll need to repair the damage done by freezing, cure whatever ailment originally killed the subject, and reverse the aging process so that the subject has a young, healthy body to enjoy in their second go-round. No one knows what that technology might look like; Kowalski's best guess is tissue engineering and molecular nanotechnology that will be able to repair and replace damaged tissues.

What Could Go Wrong

“There is absolutely no current way, no proven scientific way, to actually freeze a whole human down to that temperature without completely destroying — and I mean obliterating — the tissue,”

says Shannon Tessier, a cryobiologist with Harvard University and Massachusetts General Hospital. When scientists attempt to freeze a sample of living human tissue, like a slice of liver, “the tissue is completely obliterated, the cell membrane is completely destroyed. So there's actually no proof that you're preserving anything, and that's because the science is just not there yet.”

<https://www.discovermagazine.com/technology/will-cryonically-frozen-bodies-ever-be-brought-back-to-life>

So what's the conclusion,

Save the money and give it to the church.

Lesson

The Resurrection Matters Because

I. Death is Determined .

II. Faith is Founded

III. Hope is Happening

IV. Judgement will be Just.

V. The Glory of God is Given

The Resurrection Matters Because

I. Death is Determined

Of all the people that are born, all have the terminal illness of fallenness that assures you of death.

Death has a 100% kill rate

Death is the great equalizer

It doesn't matter who you are, where you come from, who your parents are, the color of your skin, or if you are rich or poor. Popular and well known or a nobody. Does not matter if you have accomplished great things or done nothing at all. Everybody dies.

It is the one fact that everybody knows will happen, but the majority make no preparations for.

We will spend decades educating ourselves to live but spend only minutes thinking of what will end it all. Death.

Number of deaths: 3,464,231 last year but if you add in the current stats of 930,000 abortions it would be 4,394,231 deaths.... let's not forget the babies murdered in America.

About 12,500 per day.

leading causes of death:

- . Abortion 930,000
- Heart disease: 695,547
- Cancer: 605,213
- Accidents (unintentional injuries): 224,935
- Stroke (cerebrovascular diseases): 162,890
- Chronic lower respiratory diseases: 142,342
- Alzheimer's disease: 119,399
- Diabetes: 103,294
- Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis: 56,585
- Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, and nephrosis: 54,358

The most current stat is the one for one. For every birth, there is one death.

In all the insanity we are witnessing in our world now, with so many denying absolute truth and say I have my truth and you have your truth, there is a truth, an absolute truth that is rushing toward you that will destroy your relativism. It will drive home the universal and absolute truth.... Everybody dies....Everybody. No matter what you believe or don't believe, or what you accept or deny. You will die.

Hebrews 9:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ And as it is **appointed** for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

606. ἀπόκειμαι *apókeimai*; fut. *apokeísomai*, from *apó* (575), from, away, and *keímai* (2749), to lie, to be laid up, set away. To be laid up or away for preservation (Luke 19:20). Metaphorically, with the dat. of person to be in store for, to await someone. Spoken of rewards (Col. 1:5, the hope that awaits you in heaven; 2 Tim. 4:8, a crown); death (Heb. 9:27).

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ἀπόκειμαι ① **to put away for safekeeping** lit. (POxy 69, 5 ἀπὸ τῶν ἐν τ. οἰκίᾳ ἀποκειμένων; BGU 275, 9; PTebt 340, 13; Job 38:23; Philo, Det. Pot. Ins. 128; Jos., Vi. 119; Tat. 6, 2) ἡ μινᾶ, ἣν εἶχον ἀποκειμένην ἐν σουδαρίῳ *the mina, which I kept laid away in a piece of cloth* Lk 19:20.

② **to reserve as award or recompense, reserve,**

③ Impers. ἀπόκειται τινι **it is unavoidable in view of inevitable circumstance, it is certain, one is destined** (Ael. Aristid. 39 p. 764 D.) w. inf. foll. ἅπαξ ἀποθανεῖν Hb 9:27 (cp. Kaibel 416, 6 ὡς εἰδώς, ὅτι πᾶσι βροτοῖς τὸ θανεῖν ἀπόκειται; 4 Macc 8:11).—M-M. TW.

Arndt, W., Danker, F. W., Bauer, W., & Gingrich, F. W. (2000). In [A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament and other early Christian literature](#) (3rd ed., p. 113). University of Chicago Press.

Luke 19:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ “Then another came, saying, ‘Master, here is your mina, which I have kept **put away** in a handkerchief.’

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²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die **once**,

530. ἅπαξ *hápax*; adv. of time. Once.

(I) One time (2 Cor. 11:25; Heb. 9:7, 27; 12:26, 27; 1 Pet. 3:18; Sept.: Ex. 30:10; Lev. 16:34). In Phil. 4:16; 1 Thess. 2:18; Sept.: Neh. 13:20, *hápax kaí díς* (*kaí* [2532], and; *dís* [1364], twice), once and again, several times.

(II) Once for all, already, formerly (Heb. 6:4; 9:26, 28

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Death is ugly. Death is difficult. Death leads to decay and destruction. It's not pretty. Not desired and most often feared.

Someone wrote of the ugliness of death, who worked in the hospital

“When drunks, lunatics, and violent patients end up in the emergency department, the corridors and cubicles are loud and chaotic. But, when a newborn baby dies in the resuscitation area, everything gets quiet — death demands silence.

The weight of a dead body feels *strange* in your hands. It's wrapped in bedsheets, so you don't get to see the patient and the condition he was in before passing. Still, your mind expects *something else* — a more impactful sensation. But, this is it, there is nothing more. You lift the body and place it on a concealment trolley to transport it to the mortuary.

We don't tell each other the truth about dying, as people. Not real dying. Real dying, regular and mundane dying, is so hard and so ugly that it becomes the worst thing of all: It's grotesque.” —
Then, your job is done.”

<https://medium.com/vulnerable-man/our-friend-the-truth-about-real-dying-is-ugly-and-repulsive-28c9be96735b>

But this is the way God mean it. It is part of the curse. It is the penalty of sin. It is the product of rebellion against God.

Genesis 2:16–17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Romans 5:12 (NKJV)

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

²³ For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Luke 12:16–20 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “**The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.** ¹⁷ **And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’** ¹⁸ **So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.** ¹⁹ **And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry.”** ²⁰ **But God said to**

him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you;

Luke 13:1–5 (NKJV)

13 There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And Jesus answered and said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all *other* Galileans, because they suffered such things? ³ I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all *other* men who dwelt in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

Death is sure and Death is real and ugly and painful.... but The Resurrection is Real, and beautiful and full of joy for the Christian

1 Corinthians 15:20–26 (NKJV)²⁰ But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ

all shall be made alive. ²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming. ²⁴ Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death.

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1 Corinthians 15:12–20 (NKJV)¹² Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁴ And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* empty and your faith *is* also **empty**. ¹⁵ Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. ¹⁶ For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁷ And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* **futile**;

you are **still in your sins!** ¹⁸ Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ **have perished.** ¹⁹ If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

¹⁴ And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* empty and your faith *is* also empty.

¹**κενός *kenós***; fem. *kenē*, neut. *kenón*, adj. Empty, hollow. Contrast *mátaios* (3152), meaninglessness, aimlessness. In 1 Thess. 2:1, it means unaccompanied with the demonstration of Spirit and of power. When used not of things but of persons, it predicates not merely an absence of good, but also, since a vacuum does not exist in man's moral nature, the presence of evil (James 2:20).

(I) With empty hands, having nothing (Mark 12:3; Luke 1:53; 20:10, 11; Sept.: Gen. 31:42; Deut. 15:13).

(II) Metaphorically, meaning empty, vain.

(A) Fruitless, without usefulness or success (Acts 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:10, 14, 58; 2 Cor. 6:1; Gal. 2:2; Phil. 2:16; 1 Thess. 2:1; 3:5; Sept.: Job 7:6; Jer. 6:29; 18:15).

(B) Of that in which there is nothing of truth or reality, false, fallacious, e.g., empty words meaning false words, deceitful (Eph. 5:6; Col. 2:8; Sept.: Ex. 5:9; Hos. 12:1); of persons, meaning empty, foolish (James 2:20).

Deriv.: *kenódoxos* (2755), self-conceited; *kenophōnía* (2757), empty speaking; *kenóō* (2758), to be in vain; *kenōs* (2761), in vain.

Ant.: *alēthēs* (227), actual, true to fact; *alēthinós* (228), real, genuine; *gnēsios* (1103), genuine, sincere; *eilikrinēs* (1506), pure, sincere; *ádolos* (97), without guile.

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17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!

3152. **μάταιος *mátaios***; fem. *mataía*, neut. *mátaion*, adj. from *mátēn* (3155), to no purpose, in vain. Vain, empty, fruitless, aimless. It is building houses on sand, chasing the wind, shooting at stars, pursuing one's own shadow (1 Cor. 3:20 quoted from Ps. 94:11; see 1 Cor. 15:17; Titus 3:9; James 1:26; Sept.: Is. 31:2; Zech. 10:2). In the pl., with the ant., *tá mátaia*, "vanities," meaning idols, idolatry (Acts 14:15; Sept.: 1 Kgs. 16:13; 2 Kgs. 17:15; Jer. 2:5; 8:19). In 1 Pet. 1:18, idolatrous walk, practice of idolatry.

Deriv.: *mataiológos* (3151), one who talks vainly; *mataiótēs* (3153), vanity; *mataióō* (3154), to become vain.

Syn.: *kenós* (2756), empty, vacant, inane; *kenodoxos* (2755), self-centered, conceited, vain; *alazōn* (213), braggart, boastful; *ákarpos* (175), unfruitful; *alusitelés* (255) and *anōphelés* (512), unprofitable.

Ant.: *karpophóros* (2593), fruitful; *ōphélimos* (5624), profitable.

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¹⁸ Then also those who have fallen
asleep in Christ **have perished.**

ἀπόλλυμι *apóllumi*; or *apolúō*; fut. *apolésō*, 2d aor. *apōlótmēn*, perf. *apolóleka*, 2d perf. *apólōla*, mid. fut. *apoloúmai*, from *apó* (575) an intens., the mid. *óllumi* (n.f.), to destroy. The force of *apó* here is away or wholly; therefore, the verb is stronger than the simple *óllumi*. To destroy, mid. be destroyed, perish. Also from *óllumi* (n.f.): *ólethros* (3639), rain, destruction

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Aorist Middle Ind You have fully and finally, persisted yourself.

1 Corinthians 15:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most **pitiable**.

1652. ἔλεεινός *eleeinós*; fem. *eleeinḗ*, neut. *eleeinón*, adj. from *éleos* (1656), mercy. Worthy of pity, pitiable, full of misery, wretched, miserable. In the NT used only in 1 Cor. 15:19; Rev. 3:17.

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The Death of Christ assures us that our sins are paid for. The Resurrection of Christ insures that we will live because of it.

Life without real hope is lifeless. Despairing and depressing.

Most who commit suicide do so because there is in their mind, no hope.

Depression has often been describes as sense of no hope.

Hope is life to the soul. A motivator to move. A means of life.

Like water to a thirsty man, Hope refreshes the soul in the midst of trouble.

To know and see light at the end of the tunnel is Hope.

We live in Hope because of the Resurrection.

Romans 8:16–25 (NKJV)

¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs —heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him

who subjected *it* in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³ Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

Romans 5:1–2 (NKJV)

5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Psalm 146:5 (NKJV)

⁵ Happy *is he* who *has* the God of Jacob for his help,
Whose hope *is* in the Lord his God,

Colossians 1:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

1 Thessalonians 5:8–11 (NKJV)

⁸ But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and *as* a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

¹¹ Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

Titus 2:11–13 (NKJV)

¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Hebrews 6:17–20 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His

counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath, ¹⁸ that by two immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before *us*.

¹⁹ This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the *Presence* behind the veil, ²⁰ where the forerunner has entered for us, *even* Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.
1 Peter 1:3 (NKJV)

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1 Peter 1:20–21 (NKJV)

²⁰ He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you ²¹ who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

1 John 3:2–3 (NKJV)

² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him,

for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

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Acts 17:22–32 (NKJV)

²² Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³ for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:

TO THE UNKNOWN GOD

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴ God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of

heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶ And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷ so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' ²⁹ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. ³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

³² And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this *matter*."

John 5:22 (NKJV)

²² For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,

Acts 10:42 (NKJV)

⁴² And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God *to be* Judge of the living and the dead.

Matthew 25:31–34 (NKJV)

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. ³³ And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Matthew 25:41 (NKJV)

⁴¹ “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

1 Corinthians 4:5 (NKJV)

⁵ Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Revelation 20:11–15 (NKJV)

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not

found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

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John 11:1–6 (NKJV)

Now a certain *man* was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was *that* Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. ³ Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, “Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.”

⁴ When Jesus heard *that*, He said, “**This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.**”

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was.
John 11:21–26 (NKJV)

²¹ Now Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.”

²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴ Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

John 11:38–45 (NKJV)

³⁸ Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been *dead* four days.”

⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?”

⁴¹ Then they took away the stone *from the place*

where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up *His* eyes and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴² And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said *this*, that they may believe that You sent Me.”

⁴³ Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” ⁴⁴ And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”

2 Thessalonians 1:8–10 (NKJV)

⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, ¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

Revelation 7:9–8:1 (NKJV)

⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the

throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom,
Thanksgiving and honor and power and might,
Be to our God forever and ever.
Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴ And I said to him, “Sir, you know.”

So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. ¹⁶ They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd

them and lead them to living fountains of waters.
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NKJV)

²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.