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And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope.

1 Thessalonians 4:13

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister, Martha. This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord



and wiped his feet with her hair. So the sisters sent word to Jesus, Lord, the one you love is sick.

John 11:1-3



When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."



Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.

John 11:5-6

...he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better."

John 11:11-12





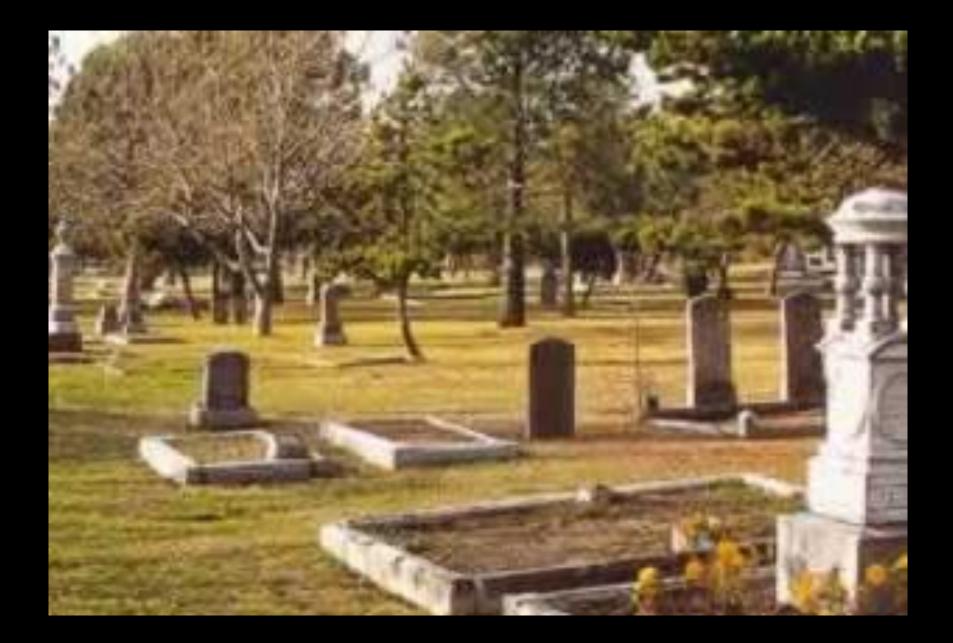
To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:8



For then the dust will return to the earth, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.

Ecclesiastes 12:7



Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead" and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him. John 11:13-15

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. John 11:17-19



"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died.



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

John 11:23-24



I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?

John 11:25-26

"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."



Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said,



"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

John 11:30, 32

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept. John 11:33-35



Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.

"Take away the stone," he said.
"But, Lord," said Martha, the
sister of the dead man, "by this
time there is a bad odor, for he
has been there four days.

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may



believe that you sent me."
When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, Lazarus, come out.

John 11:41-43



The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

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In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

John 14:2



No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.

1 Corinthians 2:9

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John 14:2

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven



like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself

will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!"

Revelation 21:1-5



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