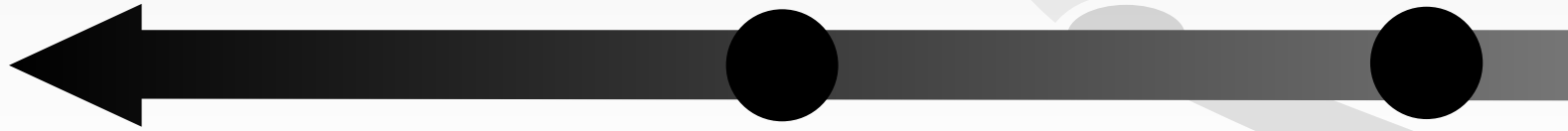


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# Stand•Points



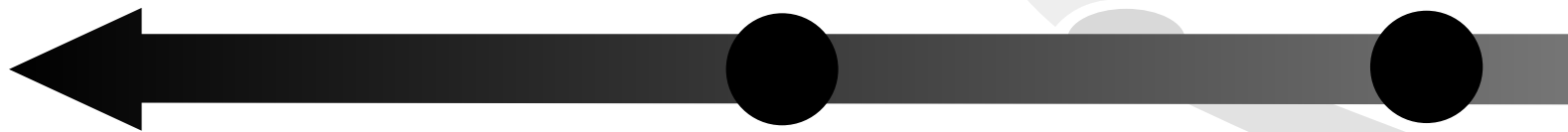


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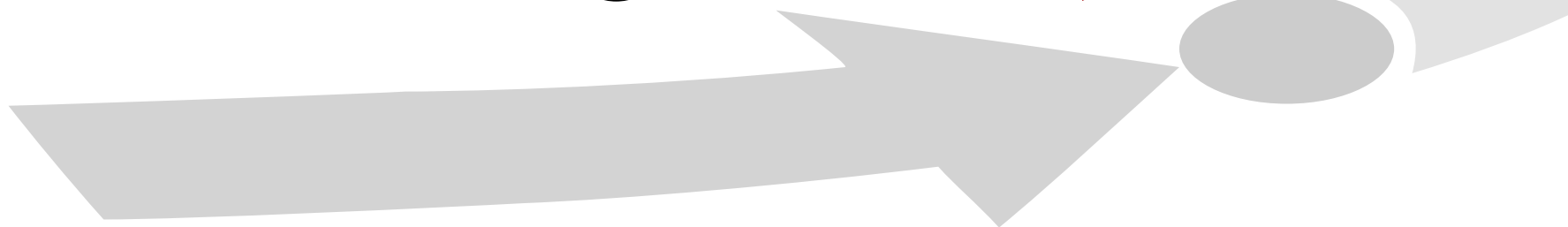


FACTS  HOPE

# His Death ~ My Life



## Stand•Points



# Death: The Wake-Up Call?



"You will not surely die"



MACKENZIE  
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KERI LYNN  
PRATT

# HELL and Mr. Fudge

BASED ON A TRUE STORY



A little story about a big lie.



NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

# The boy who came back from heaven

*A remarkable account of  
miracles, angels, and life  
beyond this world*

a true story

KEVIN & ALEX MALARKEY



# Case Study:

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18



“Wake-Up Call”

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming:

- 1:10
- 2:19
- 3:13
- 4:13-18
- 5:1-11



“You already know”


1 Thessalonians

1:4, 8; 2:1, 2, 5, 10; 3:4; 4:2, 5, 9





# Buxheim, Germany



κοιμάω  
koimao *koma*  
cemetery!  
= Sleeping place

Gen 2:7: “Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life,

and the man became a living being.”

וַיְהִי הָאָדָם לְנֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה

*nephesh*

(of animals in Gen 1:30; cf. 7:15!)



“The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.” Job 33:4

Ps 146:4 “His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish.” NKJV

KJV **Psalm 146:4** His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

“And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father,`into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last.”

Lk 23:46





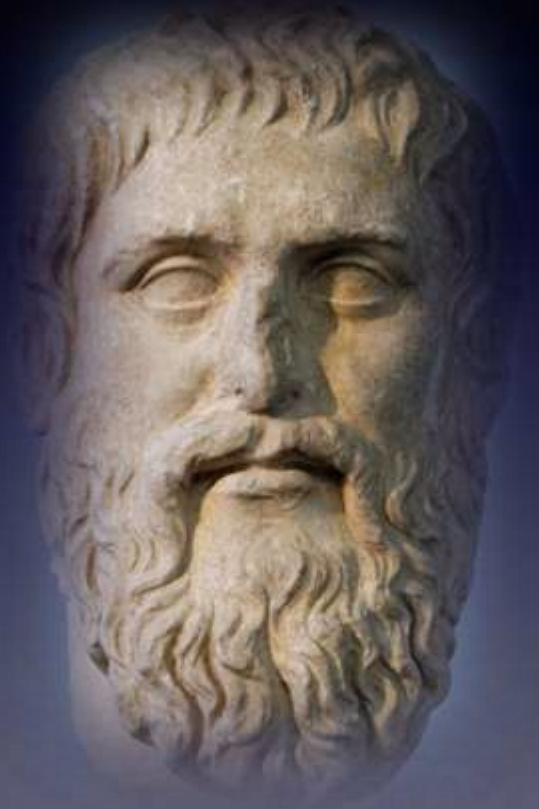
“In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you *are*, And to dust you shall return” (Gen 3:19).

“Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day” (Acts 2:29).



Plato, *Republic*  
(10.614-10.621)  
Separation of Soul from  
Body

He said that when his  
soul<sup>7</sup> went forth from his  
body he journeyed with a  
great company . . .



10.614d “And so he said that here he saw, by each opening of heaven and earth, the souls departing after judgement had been passed upon them, while, by the other pair of openings, there came up from the one in the earth souls full of squalor and dust, and from the second there came down from heaven a second procession of souls clean and pure”



“The sun goes down and rises again/But when our short light expires/Only the sleep of one long night remains.” (Catullus, 5.4-6)





“Some think that the body (soma) is the grave (säma) of the soul” (Plato, *Cratylus* 400b).

“They are full of fear because the soul goes to God without the cover of the body” (Plato, *Cratylus* 403b).





# What is a *soul*?

“who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while *the* ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water”

(1 Pet 3:20).

# Souls can die:

“The soul who sins shall die” (Ezek 18:20).

# Only God is immortal:

“which He will manifest in His own time, *He who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honor and everlasting power. Amen” (1 Tim 6:15-16; cf. 1 Tim 1:17).

# Death = Sleep

“Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not charge them with this sin.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep” (Acts 7:60)





# 1 Thess 4:13 “no hope”





1) 50/50

2) 0/100

3) 100% = “since”

4) “I wished”

Assumption:

“**since** we believe that Jesus died and rose again”

Corollary:

“**even SO** God will bring with Him

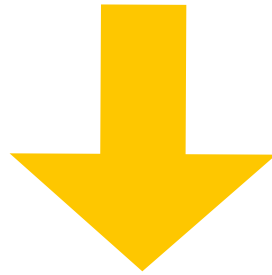
those who have fallen asleep in/through Jesus”







As Christ



so the Christian

“because we know that the one  
who raised the Lord Jesus from  
the dead

**will also raise us**

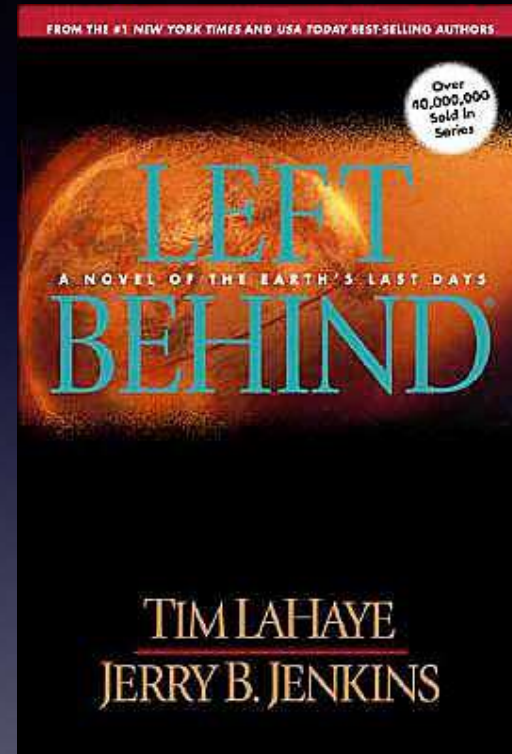
with Jesus and present us with  
you to Himself” (2 Cor 4:14).

- v15: “by the word of the Lord”
- Mt 24:30f; Jn 6:39
- Agraphon (not recorded in canon)
- Special Revelation
- Generic essence of Gospel Spirit

“For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.” 1 Thess 4:15



“who are left” – Left Behind!



Will not precede

= they haven't preceded us!

“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God.” 1 Thess 4:16



- Sea Captain
- Horse Racing
- Military



When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city” (Joshua 6:20)

# Trumpet: 1 Cor 15:51-54

“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed - in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet.** For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”



ἀνέβη ὁ θεὸς ἐν ἀλαλαγμῷ κύριος ἐν φωνῇ σάλπιγγος (Ps 46:6 LXX)



Psalm 47:5 (NKJV)

“God has gone up with a shout,  
The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.”

ὅτι αὐτὸς ὁ κύριος ἐν κελεύσματι, ἐν φωνῇ ἀρχαγγέλου καὶ ἐν σάλπιγγι θεοῦ

(1 Thess 4:16)



“caught up”

(Acts 8:39; 23:10; 2 Cor 12; Rev 12:5)

Plutarch: “snatched away from opportunity for education, marriage, citizenship, and so on”



“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient” (Ephesians 2:2).



“And  
Thus”

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“So”

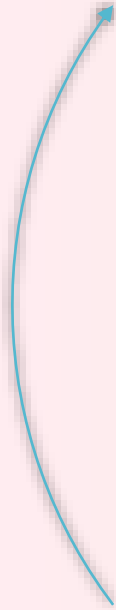






Correct  
Theology

Caring  
Touch





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Jesus

Doctrine

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that **Jesus** died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in **Jesus**. <sup>15</sup> For this we say to you by the word of **the Lord**, that we who are alive *and remain until the coming of **the Lord*** will by no means precede those who are asleep. <sup>16</sup> For **the Lord** Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead **in Christ** will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet **the Lord** in the air. And thus we shall always be with **the Lord**.

<sup>18</sup> *Therefore comfort one another with these words.*



“Irene to Taonnophris and Philo, good comfort.

I am as sorry and weep over the departed one as I wept for Didymas. And all things, whatsoever were befitting, I have done, and all mine, Epaphroditus and Thermuthion and Philion and Apollonius and Plantas. But, nevertheless, against such things one can do nothing. **Therefore comfort one another.**”

- *Oxyrhynchus Papyrus, Egypt - 2nd c. A.D.*

Dr. Tony Evans, Urban Alternative

**“There is  
no death.”**















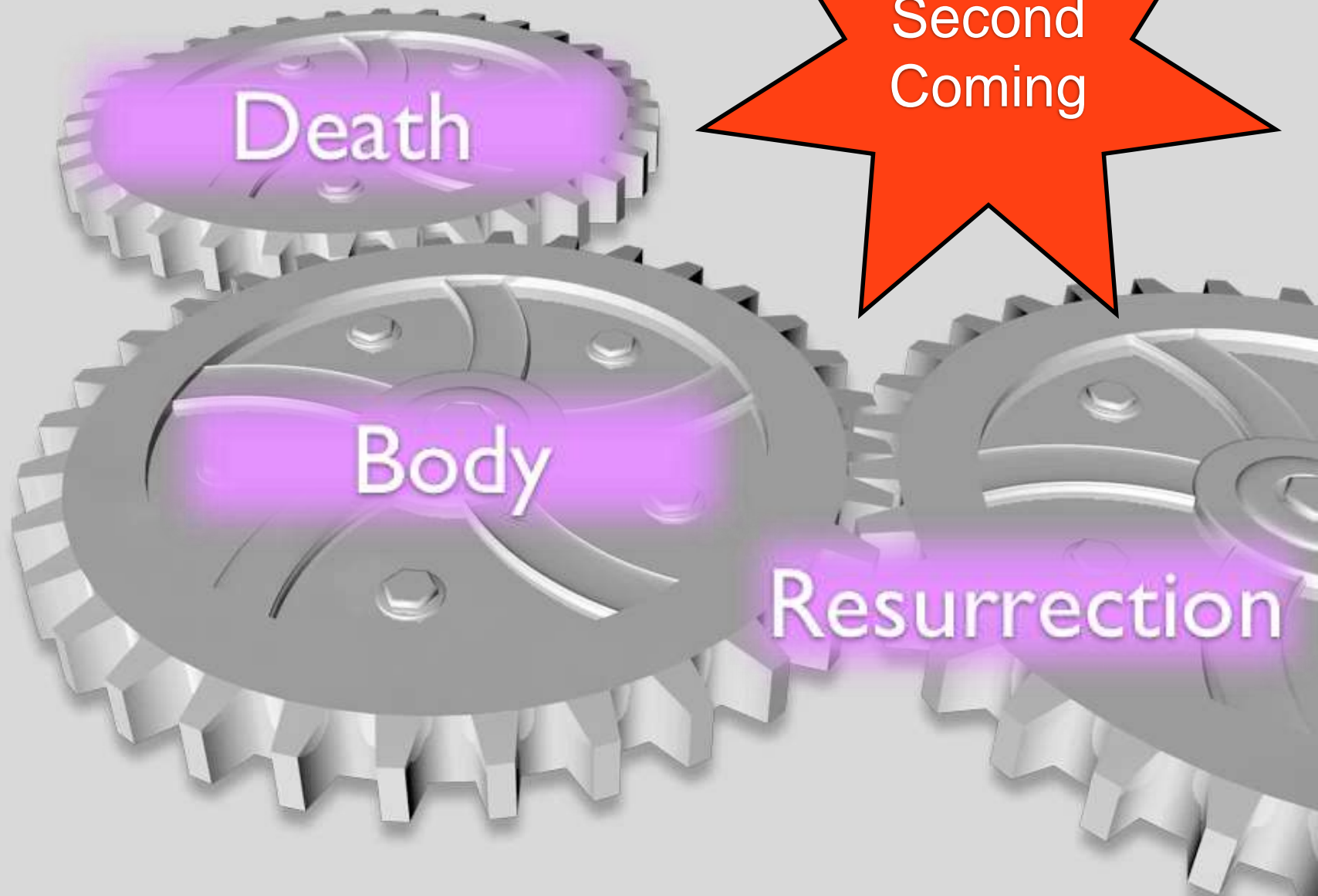




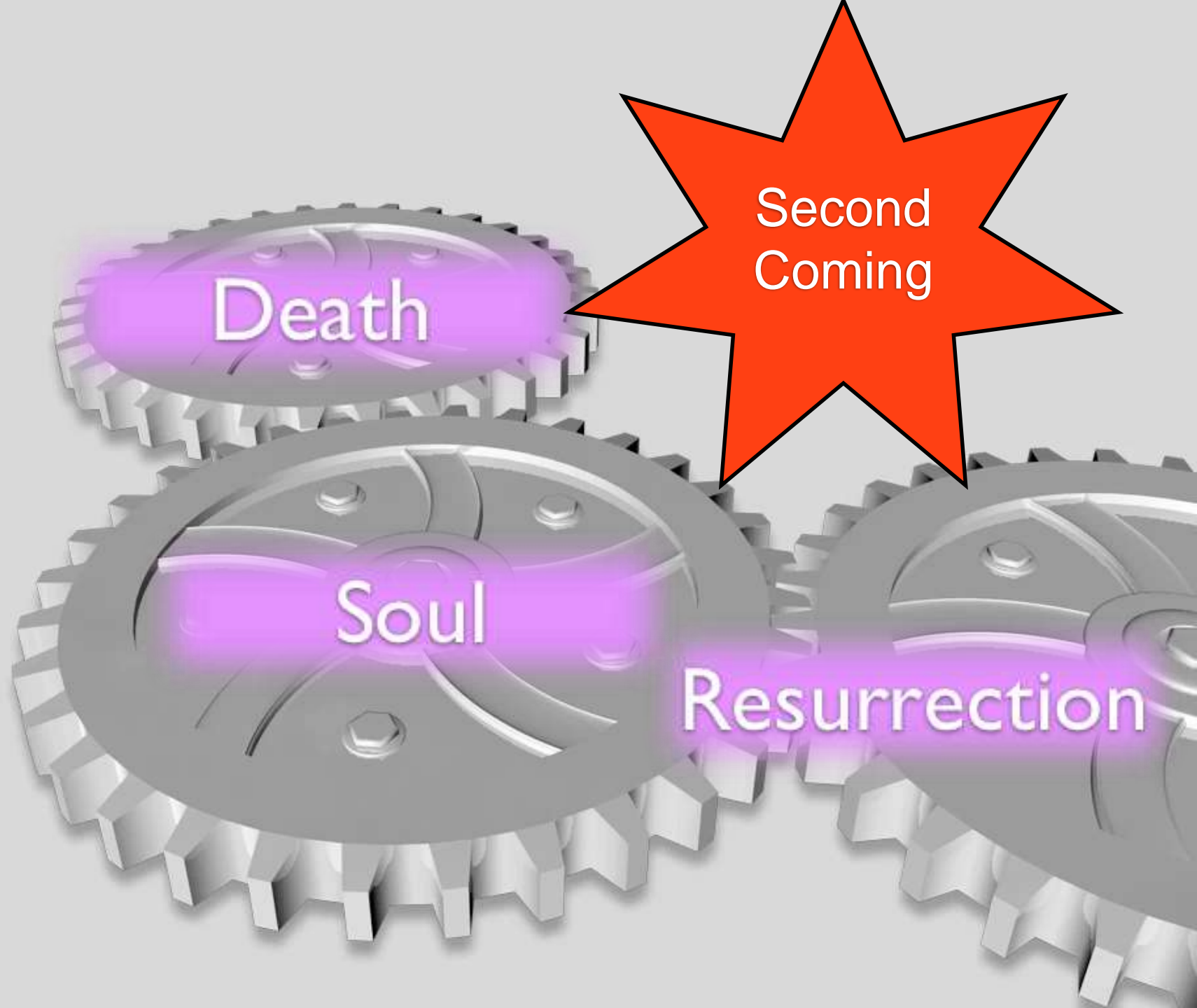




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Resurrection



Death

Second  
Coming

Soul

Resurrection



I PROMISE YOU TODAY, YOU  
WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE

WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE



Woman, without her,  
man is nothing.



Woman, without her man,  
is nothing.





Let's eat grandpa!

Let's eat, grandpa!

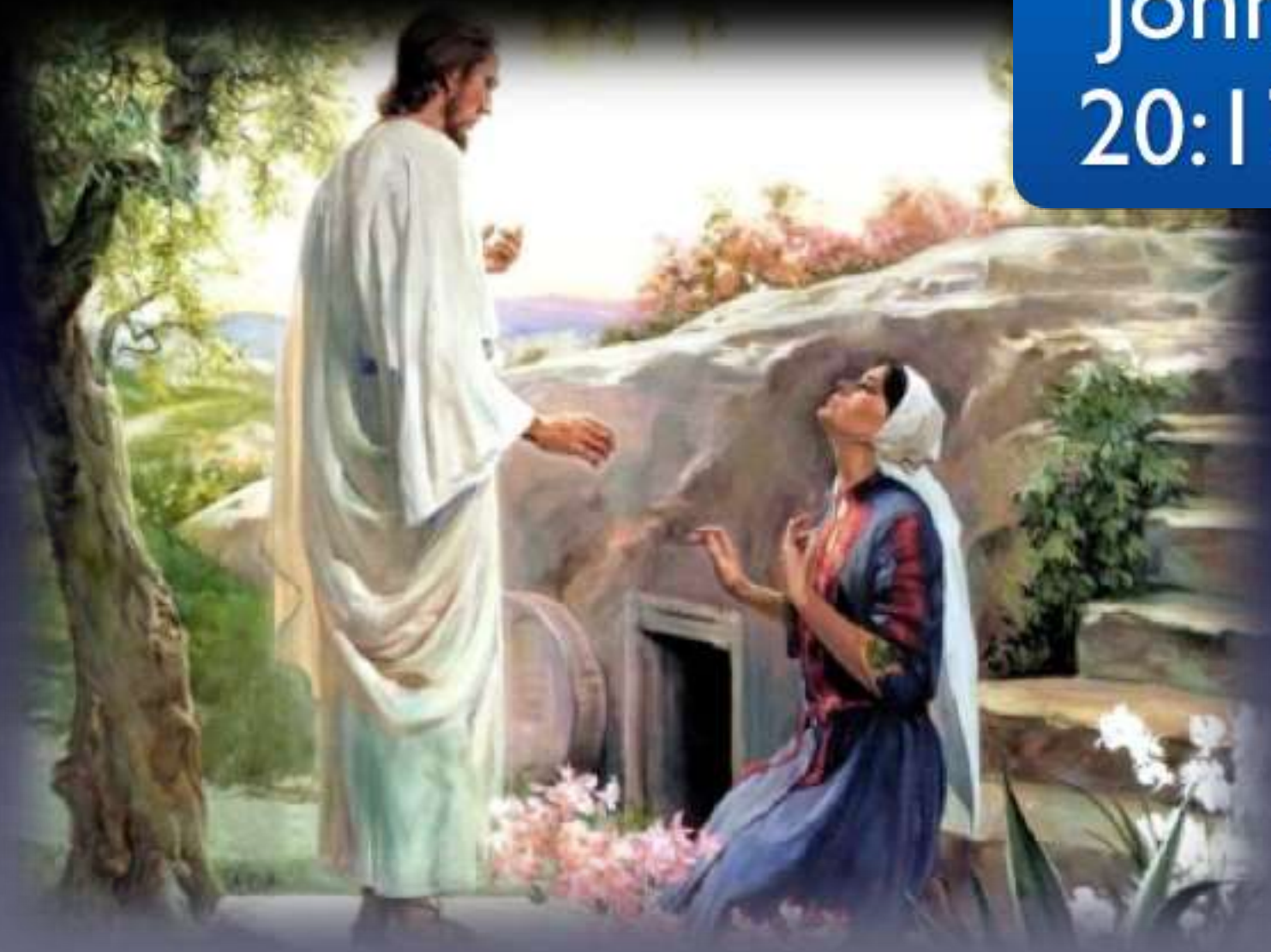
Can I buy this fur coat?

No price too high!

No, price too high!



John  
20:17



“Remember me **WHEN**  
you come into your  
kingdom.”

**TODAY**

- 1. Greek manuscripts show no commas until the 9th century. The oldest extant manuscript, Papyrus Bodmer XIV-XV (P75) shows no comma. Vaticanus marks a point right after “Today”.
- So also Greek minuscule manuscript 339 (13th century), Curetonian Syriac.
- 2. Luke likes to link an adverb (like today) with a preceding verb: (Luke 2:11; 5:26; 12:28; 13:32, 33; 22:34, 61; Acts 19:40; 20:26; 22:3; 24:21; 26:2, 29; 27:33).



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ΤΩ ΔΑΜΗΝ ΣΟΙ ΛΕΓΩ ΣΗ-  
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- “I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which the LORD swore unto our fathers for to give us (Deut 26:3 KJV).
- “I teach you today” (4:1)
- “I set before you today” (11:26)
- “I give you today” (28:13)
- “I command you today” (6:6; 7:11; 12:32)
- “I testify against you today” (8:19)
- “I declare you today” (30:18; cf., 4:26; 30:19; 32:46; Acts 20:26; 26:2)

- Incidentally, only the New World Translation of the Jehovah's Witnesses has it right:

“And he said to him: “Truly I tell you today, you will be with me in Paradise.” Lk 23:43

(See Wilson Paroschi, “The Significance of a Comma: An Analysis of Luke 23:43”)

<https://www.ministrymagazine.org/archive/2013/06/the-significance-of-a-comma:-an-analysis-of-luke-23:43>



Rev 6:9 - Souls under the Altar?

Gen 4:10 “voice of your brother’s blood cries out to Me!”  
Sacrificial language of martyrdom





“What would happen?!”





“Something will happen!”

I don't know what to believe,  
and I hate to find out.



John 14:1 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

John 14:2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself;  
**that where I am, there you may be also.**

## 2Cor. 5:8

“We are confident, yes,  
well pleased rather to be  
absent from the body and  
to be present with the  
Lord.”



For though **I am absent in  
the flesh, yet I am  
with you in spirit,**

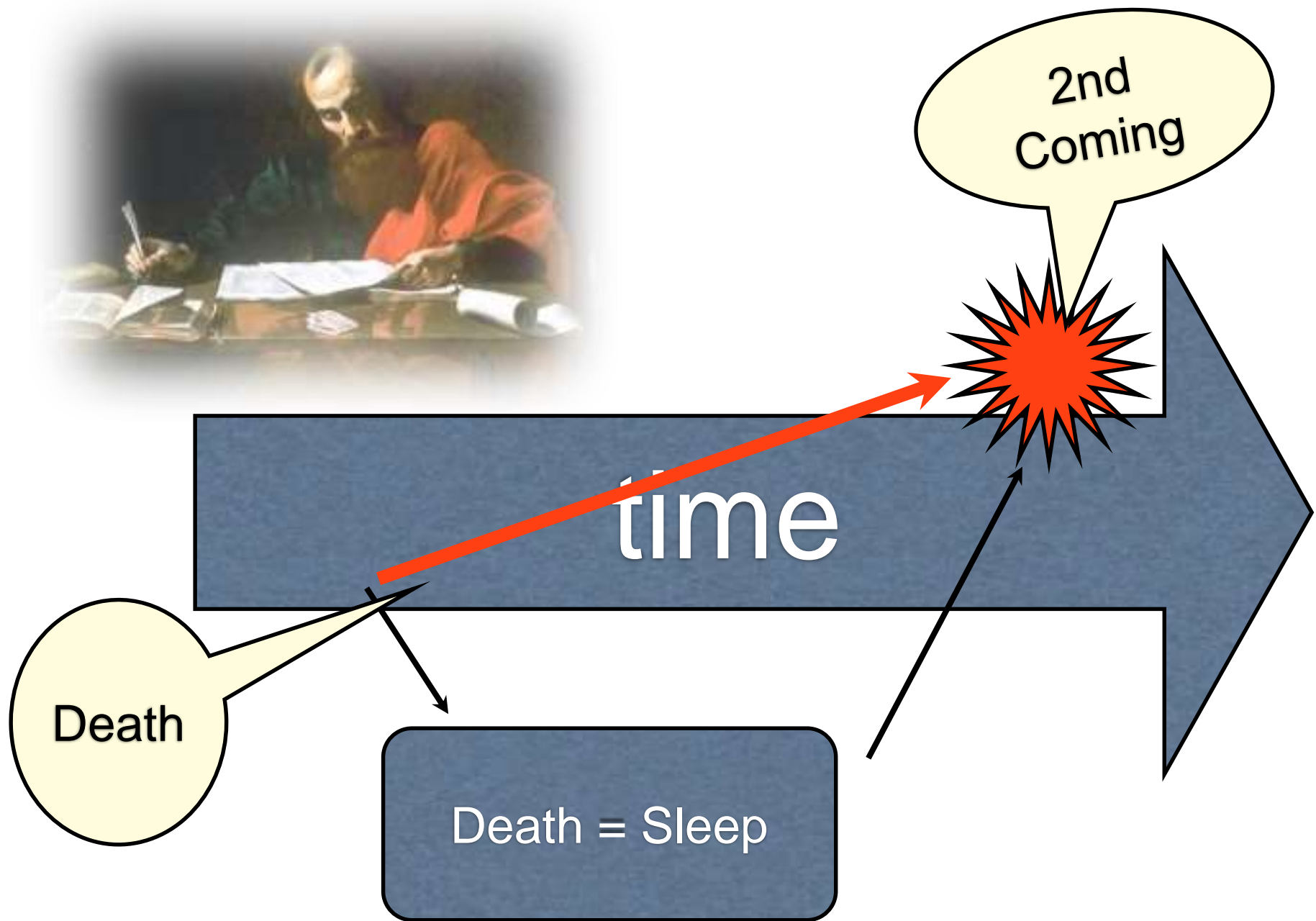
rejoicing to see your *good* order  
and the steadfastness of your  
faith in Christ. (Col 2:5 NKJ)

Phil. 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Phil. 1:22 But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell.

Phil. 1:23 For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.





Phil. 3:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Phil. 3:11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.









# Don't Believe a Lie!









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# The Rich Man and Lazarus

# Parables . . .

Points of the Story

=?

Point in the Story



# The Rich Man and Lazarus



“There was a certain rich man”

Lk 14:16: “A certain man . . .”

Lk 15:11: “A certain man had two sons”

Lk 16:1: “There was a certain rich man”



# Jesus' Solution

Lk 16:29: "Moses & the prophets" = Scripture

Lk 16:30 rich man: not Scripture, but the dead . . .

Lk 16:31 Jesus: "Moses & the prophets"





"There shall not be found among you *any*one who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, *or one* who practices witchcraft, *or* a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, <sup>11</sup> "or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. <sup>12</sup> "For all who do these things *are* an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. (Deut. 18:10 NKJ)



“Lazarus, Come out!” (Jn 11:43)



# Near Death Experiences



# Dutch Study:

300 patients with cardiac arrest

62: NDE

- Died within 30 days
  - US: relatives
  - Indians: religious figures
  - East/West German differentiation!
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“As the cloud disappears and vanishes away, So he who goes down to the grave does not come up” (Job 7:9).

“You hide Your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust” (Ps 104:29).

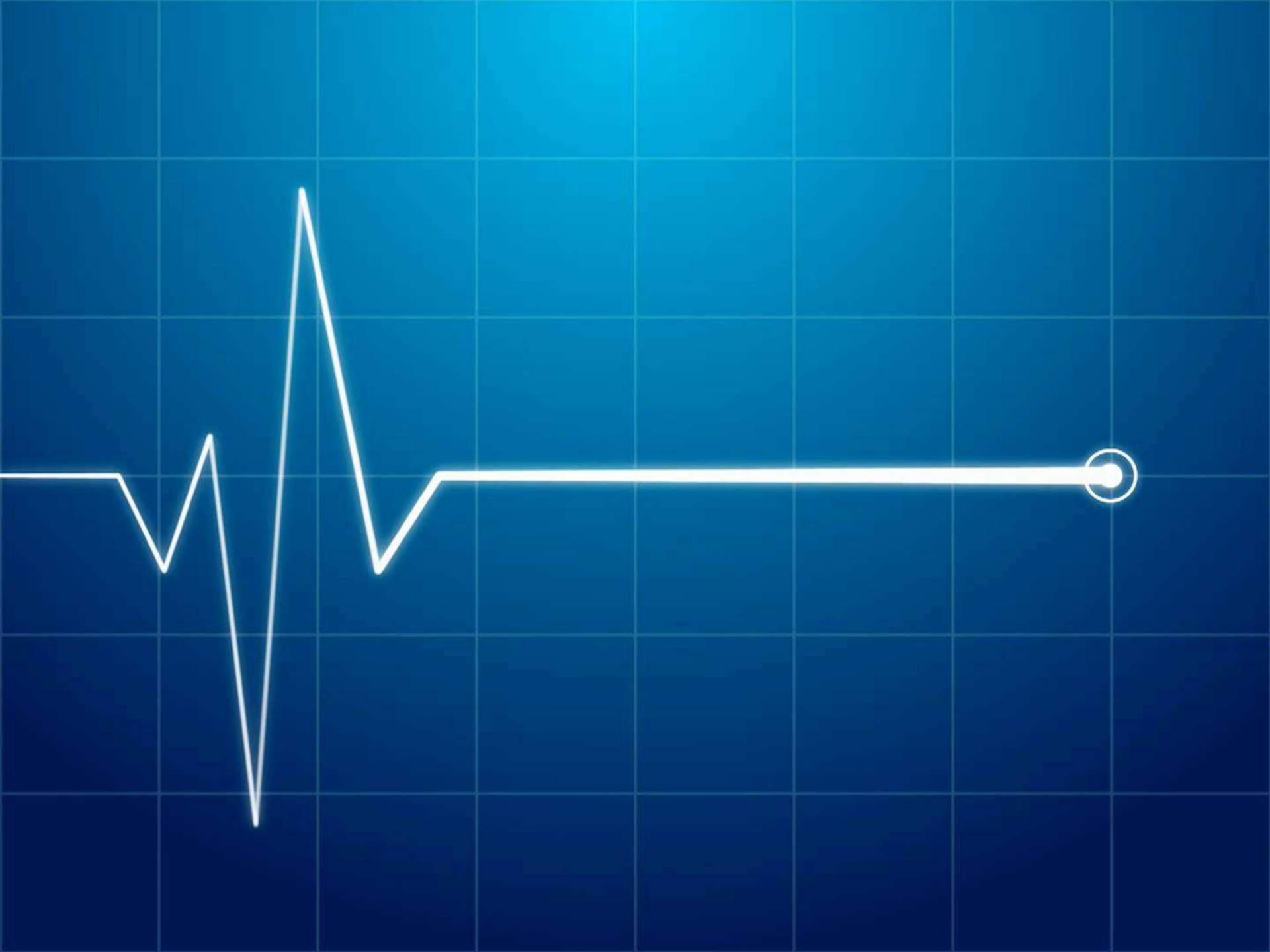


John 5:21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

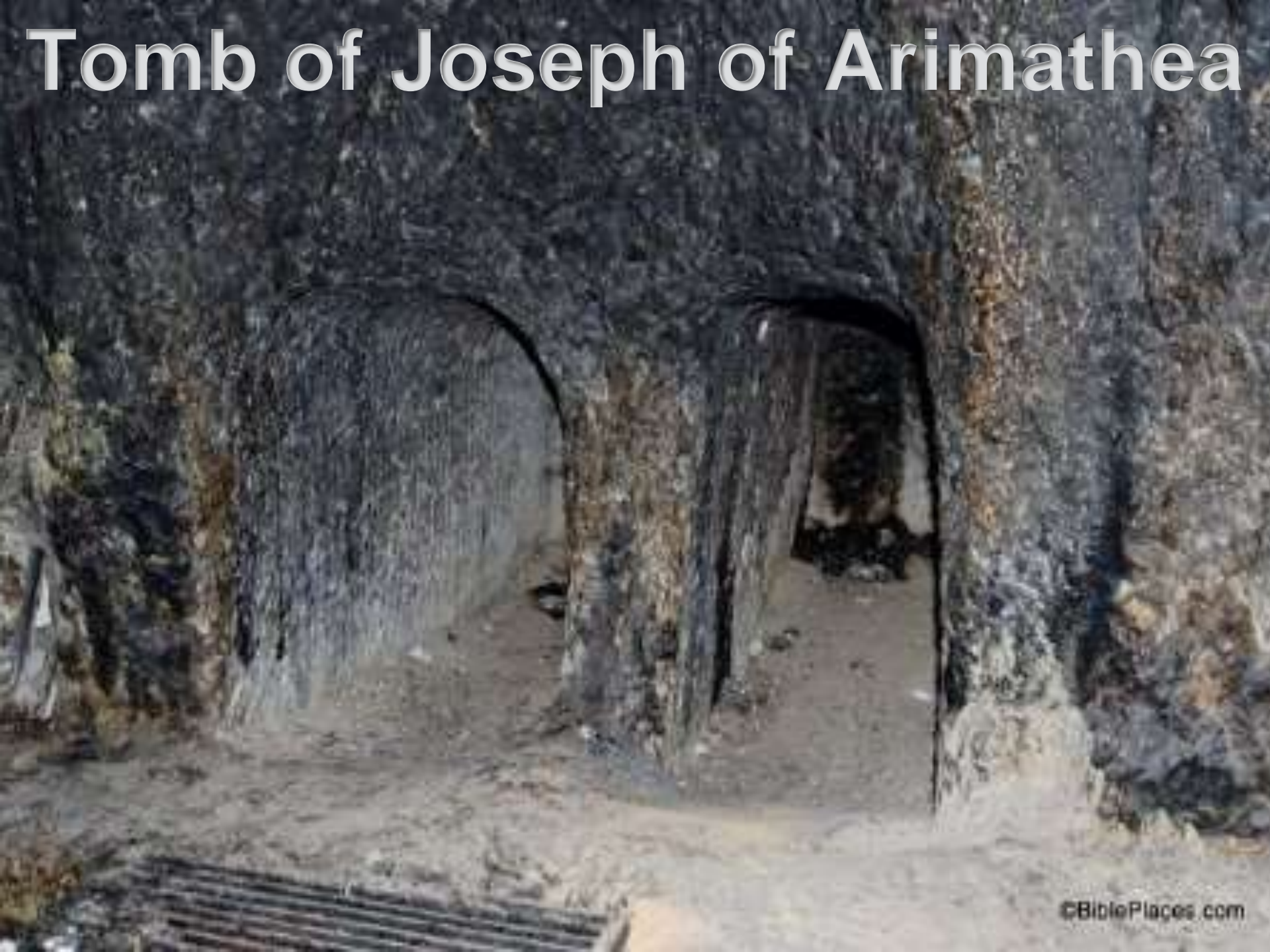
ζωοποιέω **zoo-poieo**

Verb 3 sing pres act indic to make alive,  
keep alive (Predicate)





# Tomb of Joseph of Arimathea









Even so, Come Lord Jesus!







