



Bible study for the week starting April 14, 2024

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Does death scare you? Does it excite you? Somewhere in between? What questions do you have about death and eternity?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Ezekiel 37:1-14**. This is a vision we can read in context to give hope to people in a hopeless situation, but it also gives us a compelling visual of the power of the “Word of the Lord” to resurrect and resuscitate. How does this help (or not) you envision how God can resurrect ashes and dust?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 15:17-26**. Why is it not sufficient to just believe in a spiritual eternity? What *extra* (and specific) hope are we given through the promise of the resurrection of Jesus...and ours?
3. This chapter – **1 Corinthians 15** – starts by establishing the certainty of the resurrection and ends by establishing how it matters for both your eternity and your present life. Take a few minutes to look at the beginning and end of this chapter.
4. Read **Luke 24:36-49**. Jesus clearly works to establish His physical resurrection – how? How does this affirm His specifics regarding what He came to do? And what transformation comes in the lives of those who hear through this message and promise?

PRAY

Pray to Jesus – the Resurrection and the Life – that our certain hope of eternity positively affects our present life.



CAN I ASK THAT ABOUT DEATH?

1 Corinthians 15:17-26 (Ezekiel 37:1-14; Luke 24:36-49)

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God gave to us PHYSICAL life (“flesh”), but also created us with a SPIRIT, or SOUL.

Death is the TEARING APART of something God had KNIT TOGETHER in our mother’s womb (Psalm 139:13).

DYING is not just a physical but a spiritual process.

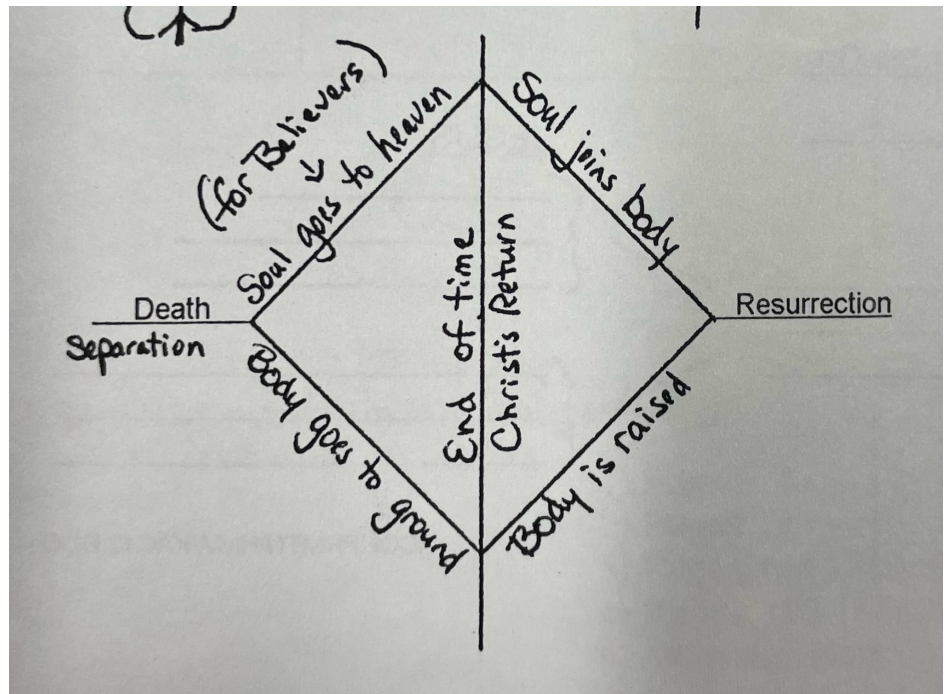
Jesus did not CHANGE belief about the resurrection; He ENHANCED it.

Is it enough to talk only about a *spiritual* ETERNITY?

Death is not a welcome RELIEF; it is God’s ENEMY to be DESTROYED.

TODAY – or – the LAST DAY?

This HOPE – a matter of life and death – will CHANGE your life!



For next week, please read 1 John 2:5-17.