

# There's a lot of death in your future

## FINDING GOD IN THE BIGGEST MOMENTS OF LIFE

1 Thessalonians 4:13 (NLT) *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.*

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Matthew 5:4 (NLT) *God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

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John 11:17-44 (TPT) *Now when they arrived at Bethany, which was only about two miles from Jerusalem, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>19</sup>Many friends of Mary and Martha had come from the region to console them over the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup>And when Martha heard that Jesus was approaching the village, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed in the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "My Lord, if only you had come sooner, my brother wouldn't have died. <sup>22</sup>But I know that if you were to ask God for anything, he would do it for you." <sup>23</sup>Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise and live." <sup>24</sup>She replied, "Yes, I know he will rise with everyone else on resurrection day."*

<sup>25</sup> "Martha," Jesus said, "You don't have to wait until then. I am the Resurrection, and I am Life Eternal. Anyone who clings to me in faith, even though he dies, will live forever. <sup>26</sup> And the one who lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> Then Martha replied, "Yes, Lord, I do! I've always believed that you are the Anointed One, the Son of God who has come into the world for us!" <sup>28</sup>Then she left and hurried off to her sister, Mary, and called her aside from all the mourners and whispered to her, "The Master is here and he's asking for you."

<sup>29</sup>So when Mary heard this, she quickly went off to find him, <sup>30</sup>for Jesus was lingering outside the village at the same spot where Martha met him. <sup>31</sup>Now when Mary's friends who were comforting her noticed how quickly she ran out of the house, they followed her, assuming she was going to the tomb of her brother to mourn. <sup>32</sup>When Mary finally found Jesus outside the village, she fell at his feet in tears and said, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus looked at Mary and saw her weeping at his feet, and all her friends who were with her grieving, he shuddered with emotion and was deeply moved with tenderness and compassion. <sup>34</sup>He said to them, "Where did you bury him?" "Lord, come with us and we'll show you," they replied. <sup>35</sup> Then tears streamed down Jesus' face.

<sup>36</sup> Seeing Jesus weep caused many of the mourners to say, "Look how much he loved Lazarus." <sup>37</sup>Yet others said, "Isn't this the One who opens blind eyes? Why didn't he do something to keep Lazarus from dying?" <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, with intense emotions, came to the tomb—a cave with a stone placed over its entrance. <sup>39</sup>Jesus told them, "Roll away the stone."

Then Martha said, "But Lord, it's been four days since he died—by now his body is already decomposing!" <sup>40</sup>Jesus looked at her and said, "Didn't I tell you that if you will believe in me, you will see God unveil his power?" <sup>41</sup>So they rolled away the heavy stone. Jesus gazed into heaven and said, "Father, thank you that you have heard my prayer, <sup>42</sup>for you listen to every word I speak. Now, so that these who stand here with me will believe that you have sent me to the earth as your messenger, I will use the power you have given me." <sup>43</sup>Then with a loud voice Jesus shouted with authority: "Lazarus! Come out of the tomb!" <sup>44</sup>Then in front of everyone, Lazarus, who had died four days earlier, slowly hobbled out—he still had grave clothes tightly wrapped around his hands and feet and covering his face! Jesus said to them, "Unwrap him and let him loose."

Romans 12:15 (NLT) *Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep.*

# With

Romans 6:5 (NLT) *Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was.*

# In

## Our Hope is

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NLT) *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. **14For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again,** we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. <sup>15</sup>We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. <sup>17</sup>Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>So encourage each other with these words.*

1 Corinthians 13:12 (NLT) *Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.*

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1 John 3:2 (NLT) *Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.*

Psalms 16:11 (NLT) *You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.*

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1 Corinthians 15:16-20 (NLT) *...if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. <sup>18</sup> In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! <sup>19</sup> And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. <sup>20</sup> But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead.*

Mark 5:40-41 (NLT) *...he took the girl's father and mother and his three disciples into the room where the girl was lying.*

<sup>41</sup> *Holding her hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum,"*