

# SERMON NOTES

June 24 & 25, 2023

## I Have Questions: What Happens When You Die?

### History of the Afterlife

#### 1. Ancient Israel:

- a. Did not believe in a \_\_\_\_\_ . **Psalm 6: 4-5 | Ecclesiastes 9:3b, 10**
- b. Bigger Question: Is there \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in this life?
- c. Concluded: God has \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Ecclesiastes 12:1; 3:11 b | Isaiah 26:19 | Ezekiel 37:3-7**

#### 2. Ancient Gentile World:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Christianity:

- a. Resurrection: God is going to bring me back to life in a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. **Romans 8: 19, 21**
- b. Resurrection: God is going to \_\_\_\_\_ . **Mark 12:18**

#### 4. Acceptance Progression of a Resurrection for Followers of Jesus: Surprised by Hope by N. T. Wright

- a. New \_\_\_\_\_
- b. New \_\_\_\_\_
- c. New View of \_\_\_\_\_ **I Corinthians 15:20**
- d. New View of \_\_\_\_\_
- e. New View of \_\_\_\_\_
- f. New \_\_\_\_\_ **I Corinthians 15:54-57**

#### 5. Common Questions:

- a. What happens when you die? **2 Corinthians 5:8 | Luke 23:43**
- b. What will death be like? **John 8:51-52**
- c. What will Resurrected living be like? **Revelation 5:10 | Luke 19:17**
- d. What will my Resurrected body be like?"
- e. So what? **I Corinthians 15: 58**

# Life Steps

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## Monday

**Ecclesiastes 9:3-10;10:1**

**Reflect:** How did the writer of Ecclesiastes see death and its implications for life? How does Ecclesiastes 3:11b speak to the contrary? How did weekend worship nourish you?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank you that this life is as sweet as it is.

## Tuesday

**Psalms 6:5 | Luke 23:43**

**Reflect:** What did Old Testament believers expect would happen to us when we die?

How did Jesus change those expectations? What do you believe happens when you die?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of forgiveness and the hope of forever life with you.

## Wednesday

**Isaiah 26:19 | Ezekiel 37:1-6**

**Reflect:** What do these passages say will happen to us when we die? In what part or parts of your life do you need God to blow in some fresh breath?

**Prayer:** Breathe on me breath of God and fill me with life anew.

## Thursday

**Mark 12:18-27**

**Reflect:** How did Jesus handle the incorrect teaching about eternal life? What questions do you still have about the afterlife?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I believe, help my unbelief.

## Friday

**1 Corinthians 15: 12-22; 58**

**Reflect:** What did Jesus teach us about death? As a result of Jesus' example, how does Paul say we should live here and now? In what ways does your belief about eternity affect your daily life?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank you for the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

## Saturday

**Revelation 21:1-7**

**Reflect:** Write down the names of people you love whose death you are still grieving. As you think about them, how does this passage comfort and encourage you?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, comfort me with your comfort so that I might comfort others.

## Sunday

**Psalms 27**

**Reflect:** How have you recently seen the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living?

**Prayer:** Lord God of heaven and earth, you are my light and salvation. You are the stronghold of my life. I trust you.