

EVERYONE NEEDS A SECOND CHANCE



# Beyond the Grave

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#### Introduction

It is said that nothing in life is certain except death and taxes!

Can we make a comeback from death? Can we go beyond the grave? Can our hopes survive death? Or is death the end?

#### John 19.31-36

<sup>31</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. <sup>32</sup>The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

#### John 19.31-36

<sup>34</sup>Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. <sup>35</sup>The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup>These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken,"

#### Jesus' death was:

- 1. Predicted
- 2. Vicarious
- 3. Cruel
- 4. Liberating
- 5. Certain

#### John 20.1-9

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup>So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" <sup>3</sup>So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

#### John 20.1-9

<sup>5</sup>He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup>as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup>Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup>(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

#### Jesus' death was:

- 1. Predicted
- 2. Vicarious
- 3. Cruel
- 4. Liberating
- 5. Certain
- 6. Temporary

## So that you may believe...

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### Conclusion

Jesus' death tell us that we are <u>loved</u>, and His resurrection tells us that we have <u>hope</u>, but only if we <u>believe!</u>