

"The If-Only Syndrome"









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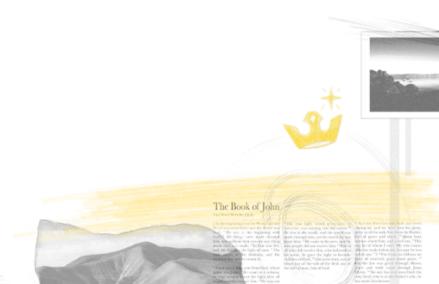
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John 11:17-40

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"This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."



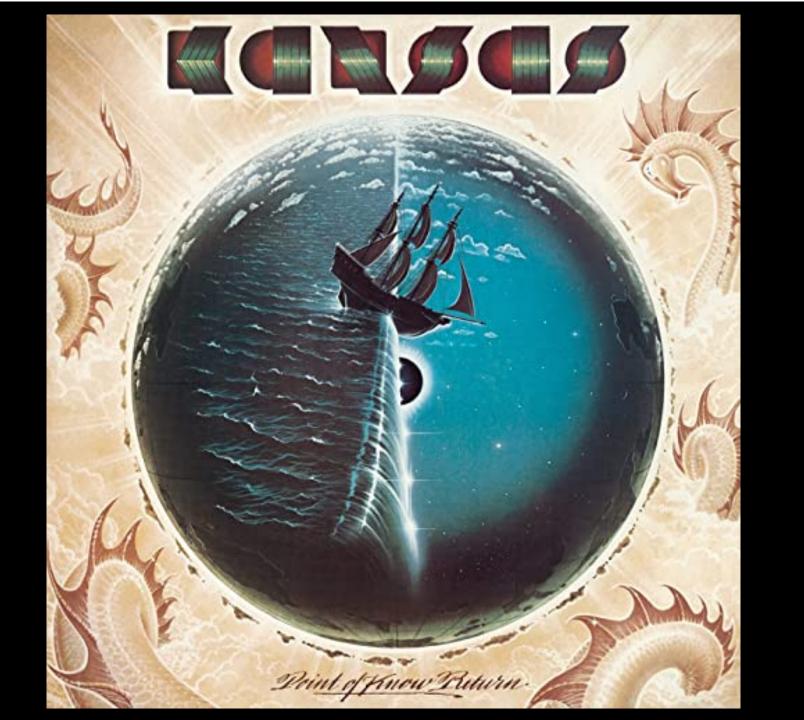


Big Idea



The central purpose of John 11 is to show Christ's glory through him being the resurrection and the life. So everything in it serves to highlight that truth, by way of contrast.





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Don't hang on, nothing lasts forever but the earth and sky It slips away, and <u>all your money</u>, won't another minute buy. Dust in the wind, all we are is dust in the wind.







All go to one place. All are from the <u>dust</u>, and to <u>dust</u> all return.







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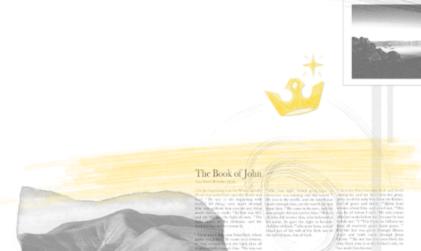


John 11:21



"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

(v. 22) "But even now I know that whatever you <u>ask</u> from God, God will give you."





Job 19:25-26

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Psalm 17:15

As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.





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Daniel 12:2

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.







Hosea 13:14

I shall ransom them from the power of Sheol (*i.e* the grave); I shall redeem them from Death.



I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

John 11:25-26





For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have <u>life in himself</u>.



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- 2. If a Christian is still alive when Jesus returns, he/she will not experience death, but will instantly get a glorified body, without ever having to physically die.

John 11:27



"Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."



Psalm 50:23 (NIV)



He who sacrifices thank offerings honors Me, and he <u>prepares the way</u> so that I may show him the salvation of God.







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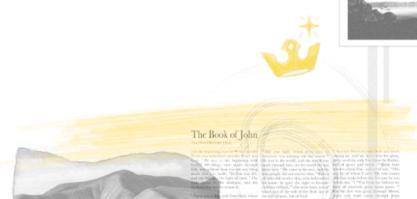


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- 1. Jesus is angry with the sin, sickness, and death wreaking havoc on this fallen world.
- 2. His anger is due to the mourners' unbelief. They're wailing and despairing like pagans who have no hope in a resurrection.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18



But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

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For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

"The same sin and death, the same unbelief, that prompted [Jesus'] outrage, also generated his grief.

Those who follow Jesus as his disciples today do well to learn the same tension - that grief and compassion without outrage reduce to mere sentiment, while outrage without grief hardens into self-righteous arrogance."



D.A. Carson



