

Remember the Resurrection



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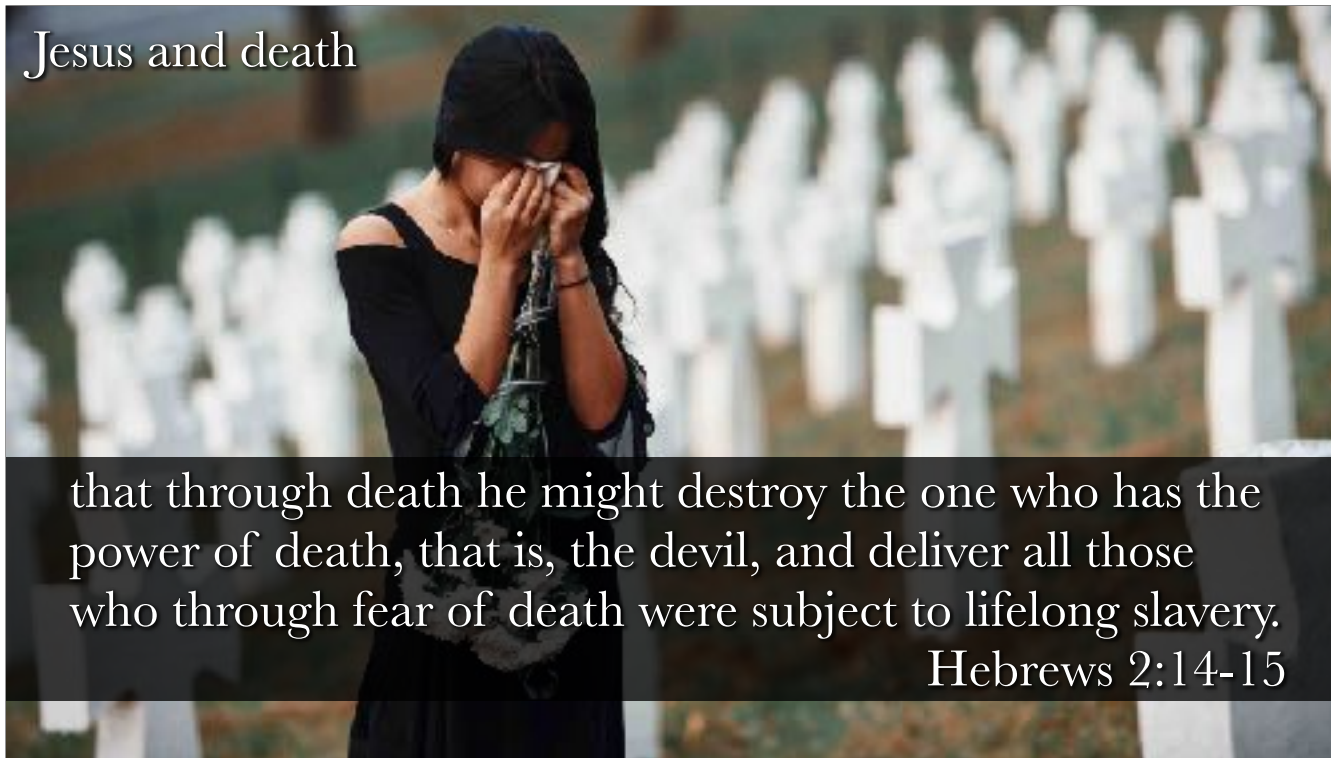
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- Matthew 12:38-41 (ESV)
 - 38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.”
 - 39 But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

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- 40 For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.
- 41 The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

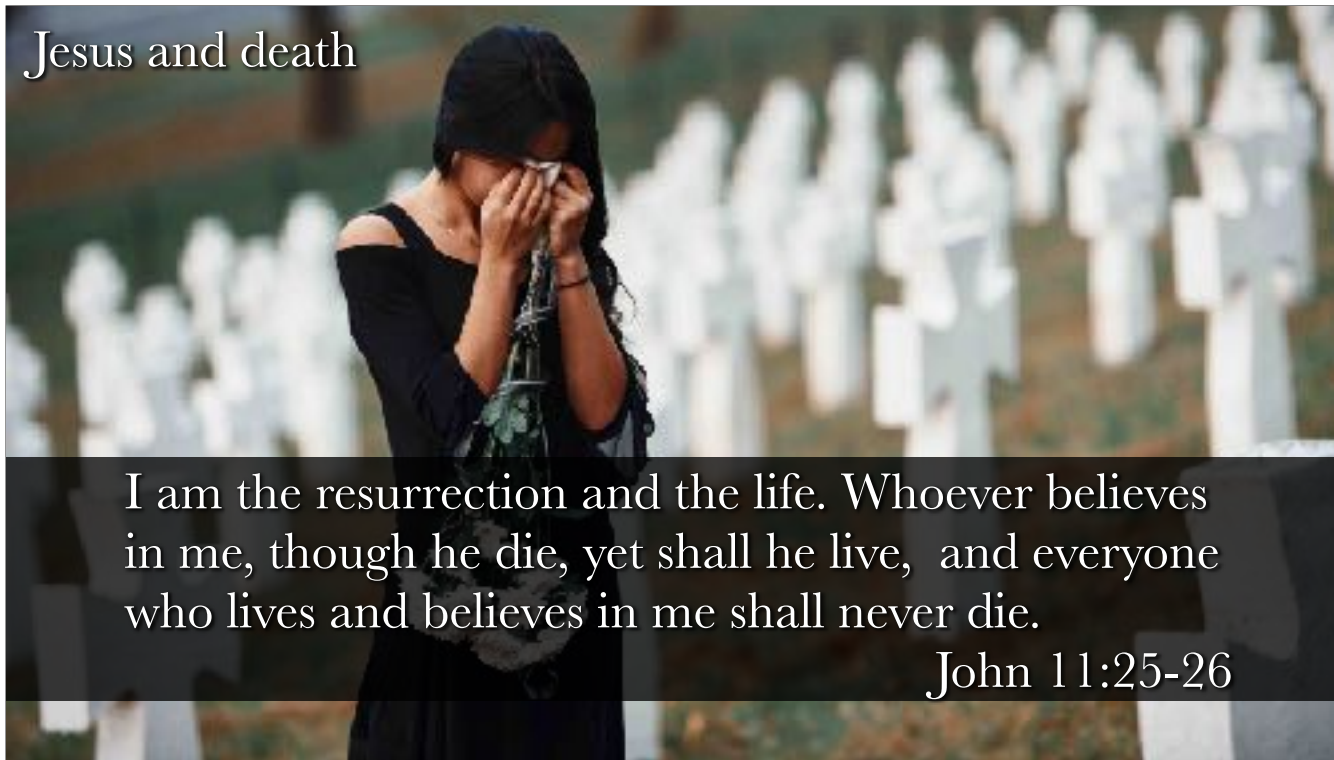


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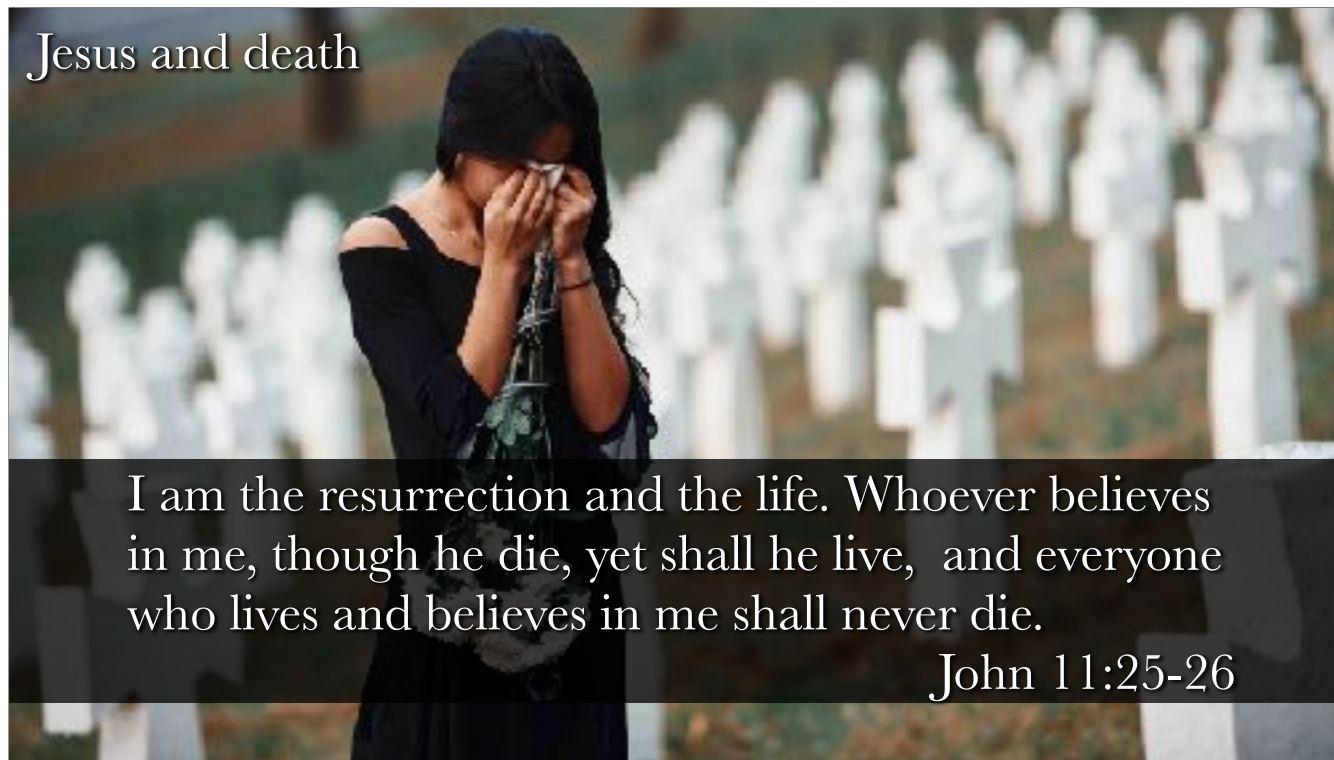
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Hebrews 2:14-15

- Jesus thinks differently about death and life than we do
 - He knows how difficult it is for us: power, fear, slavery
 - Hebrews 2:14-15 (ESV)
 - 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.
 - But he chose to share with us — deliver us — he's not afraid



- Consider his words concerning Lazarus: John 11
- John 11:4 But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."



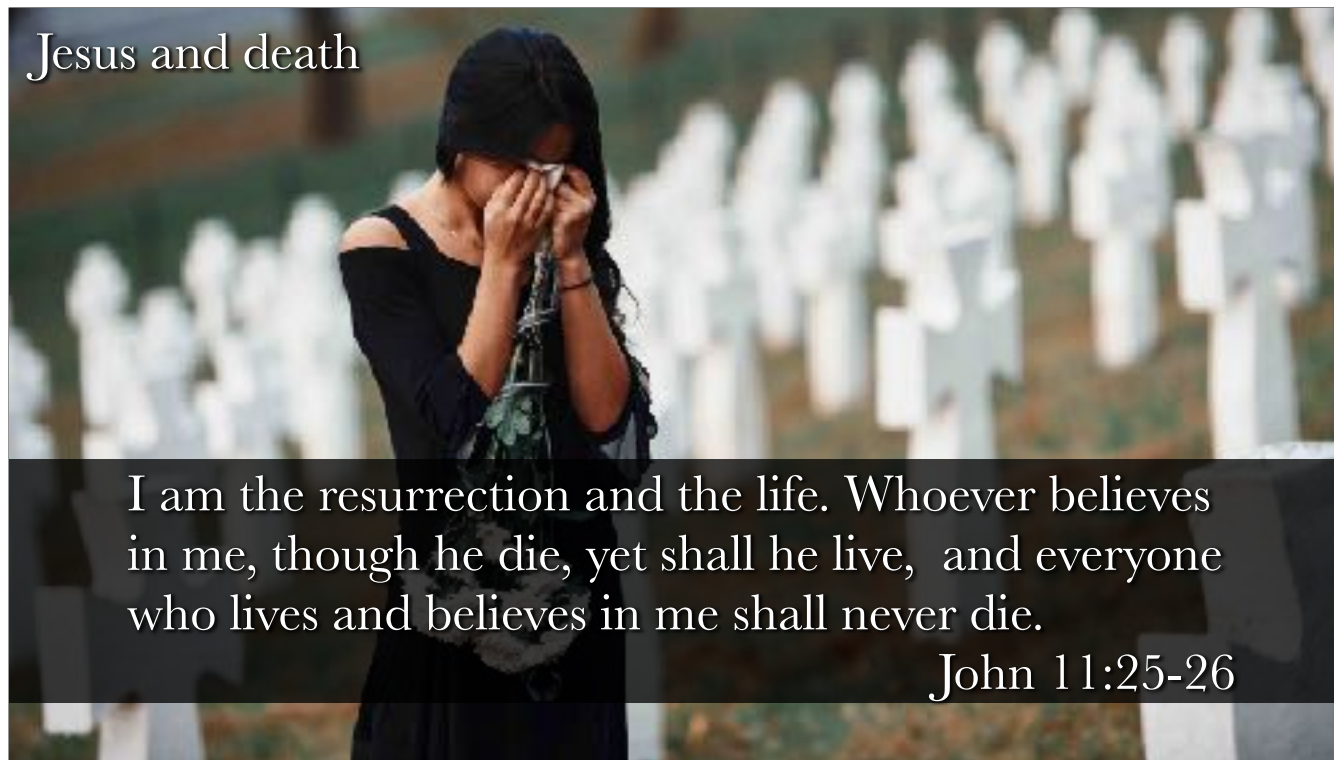
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John 11:25-26

- John 11:11-15 (ESV)

- 11 After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." 12 The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." 13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, 15 and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."



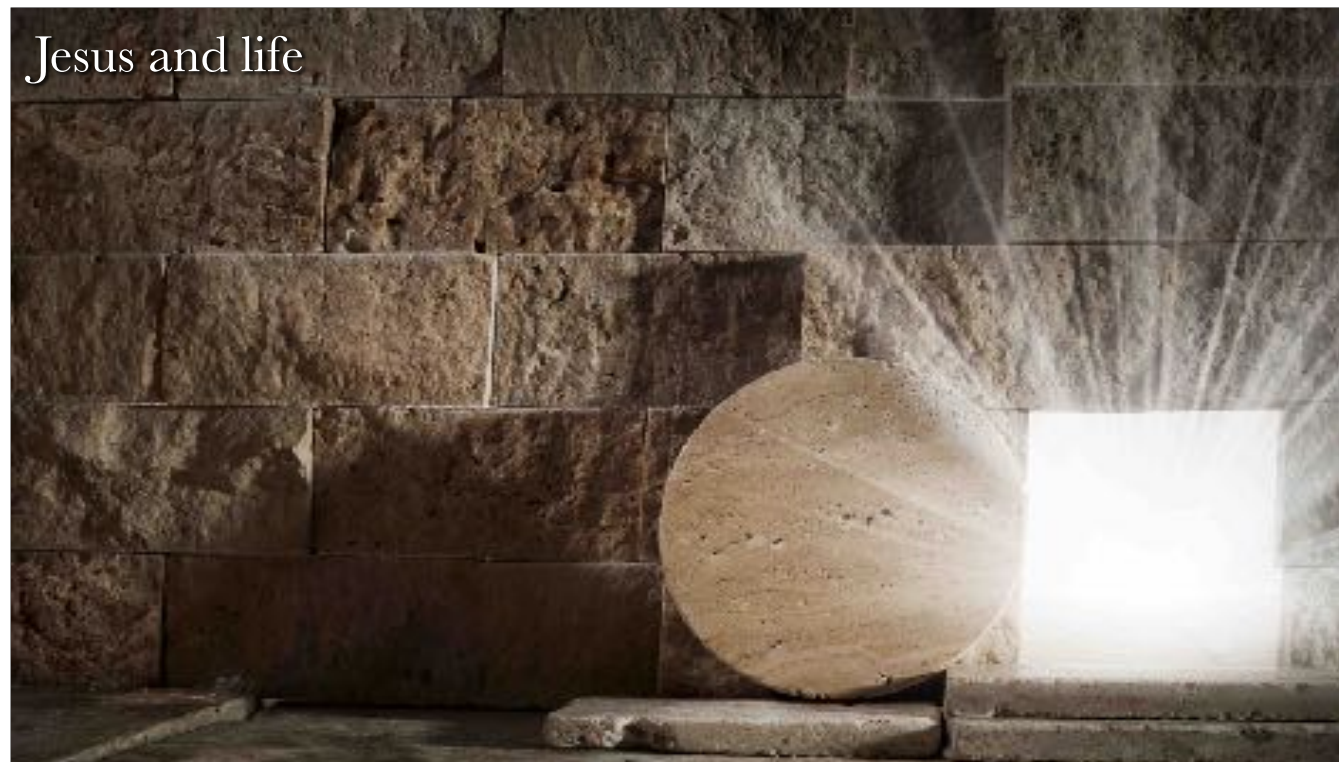
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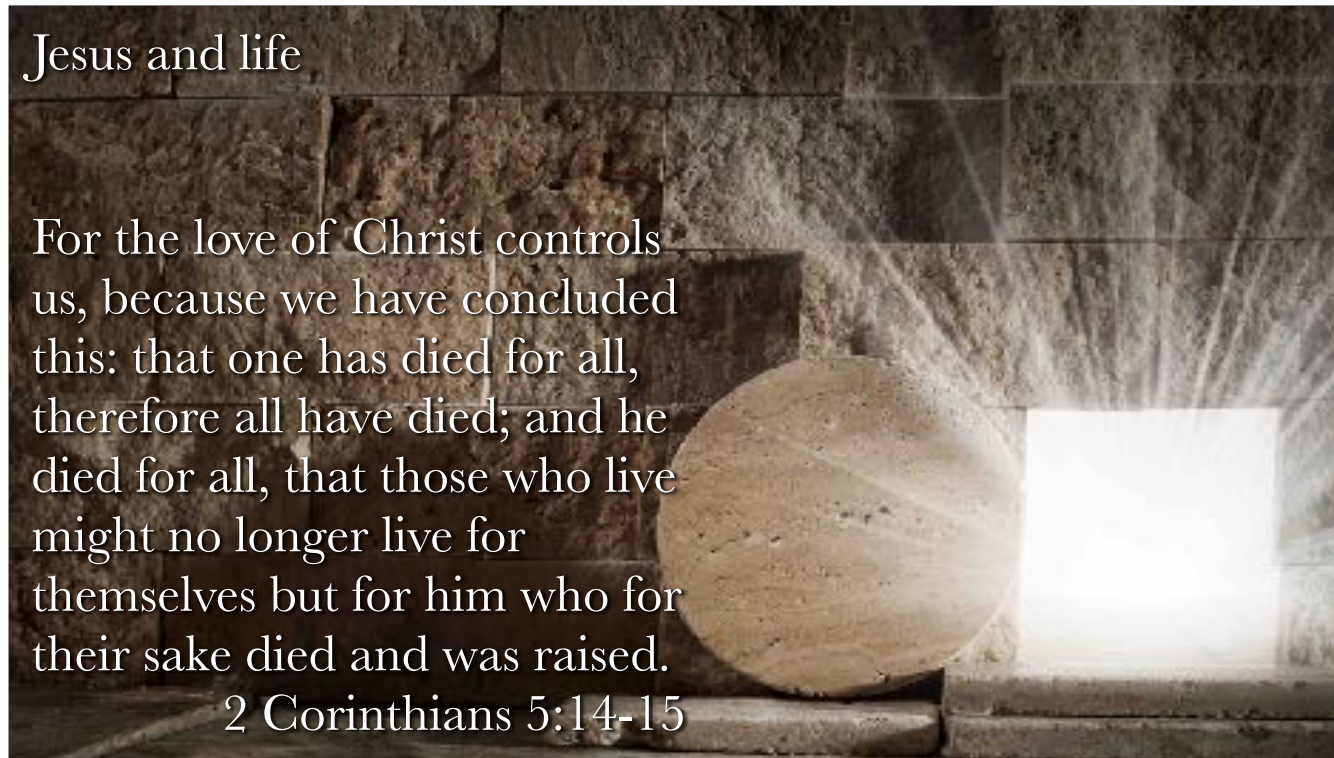
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- John 11:23-27 (ESV)

- 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

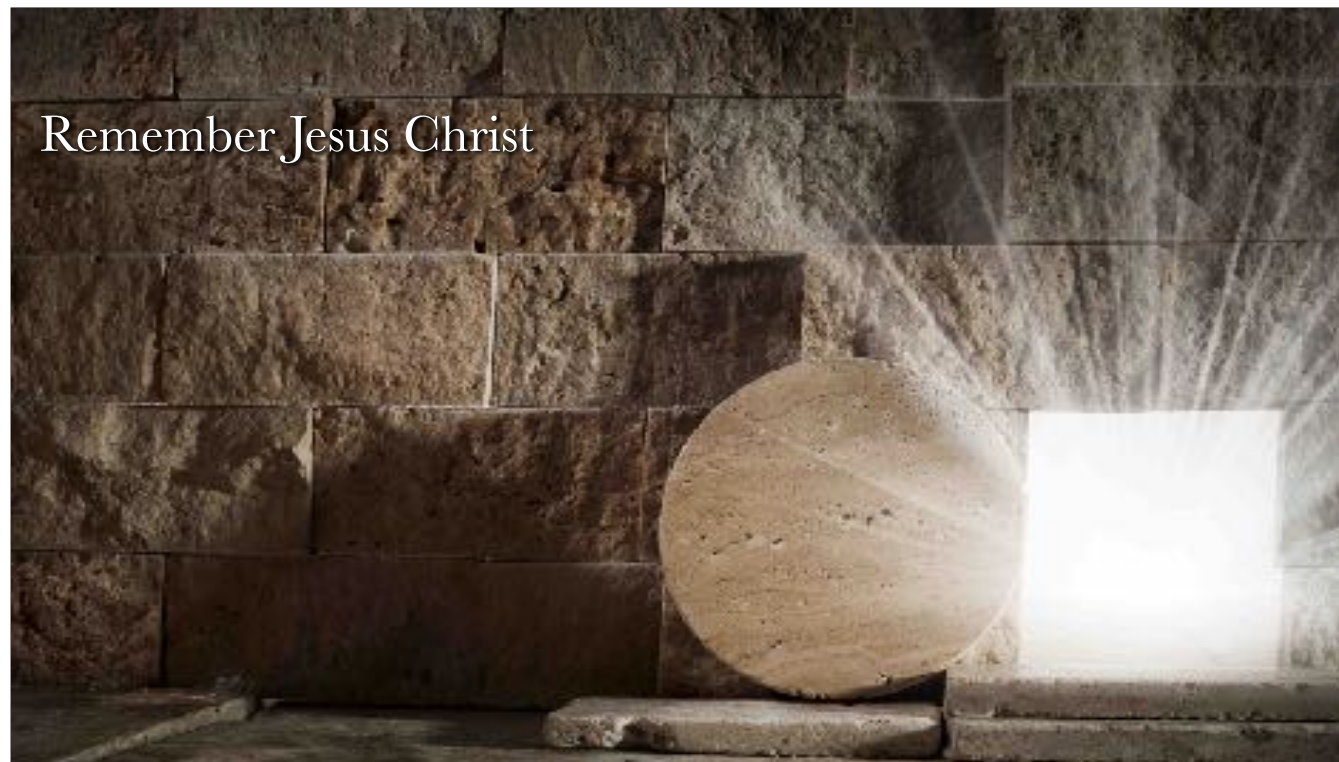


- Jesus and Life

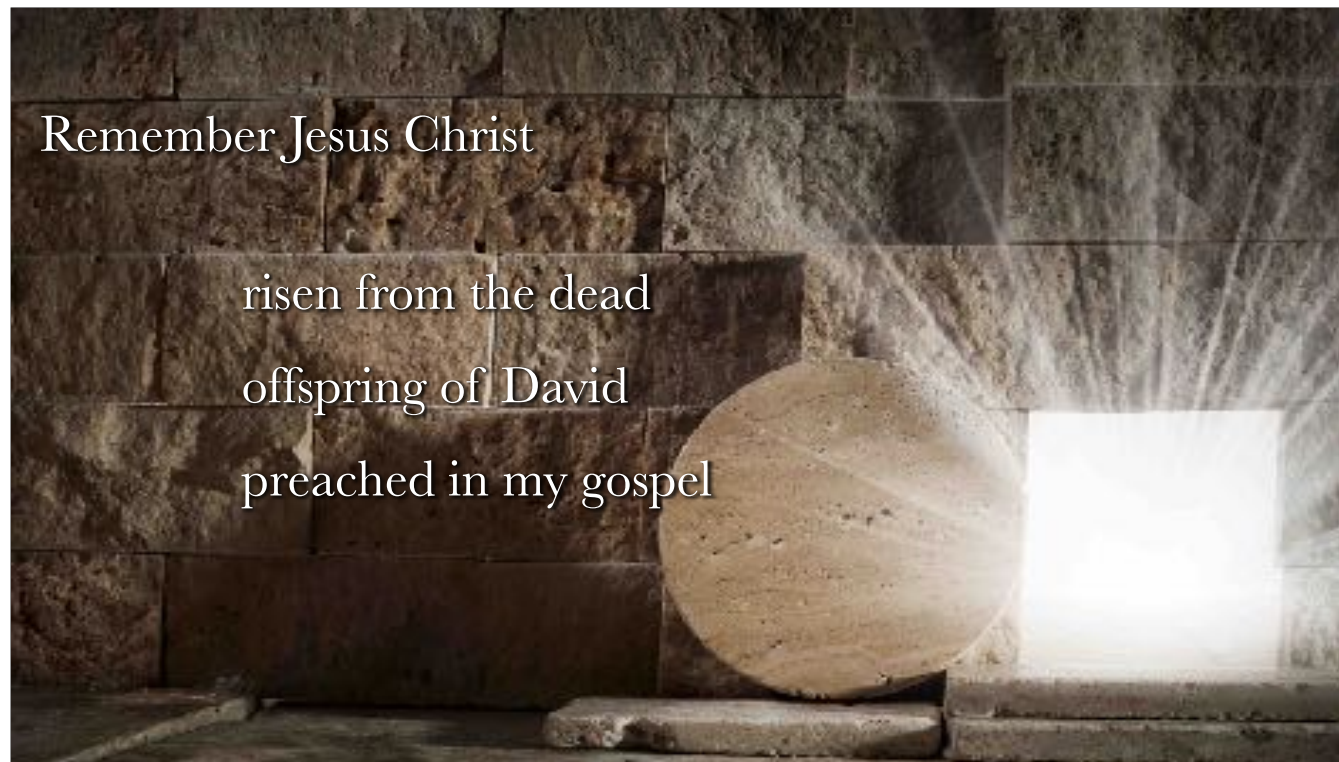


- 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (ESV)

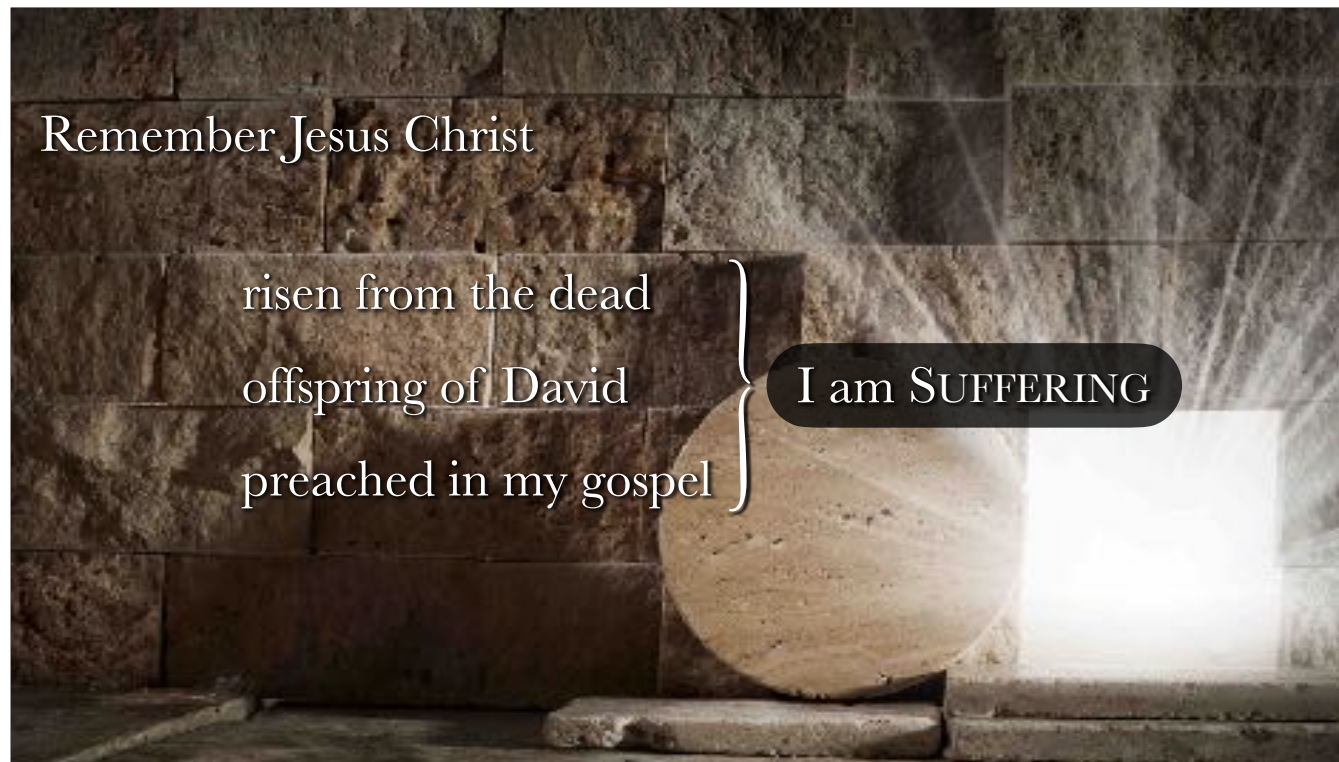
- 14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.



- 2 Timothy 2:8-13 (ESV)
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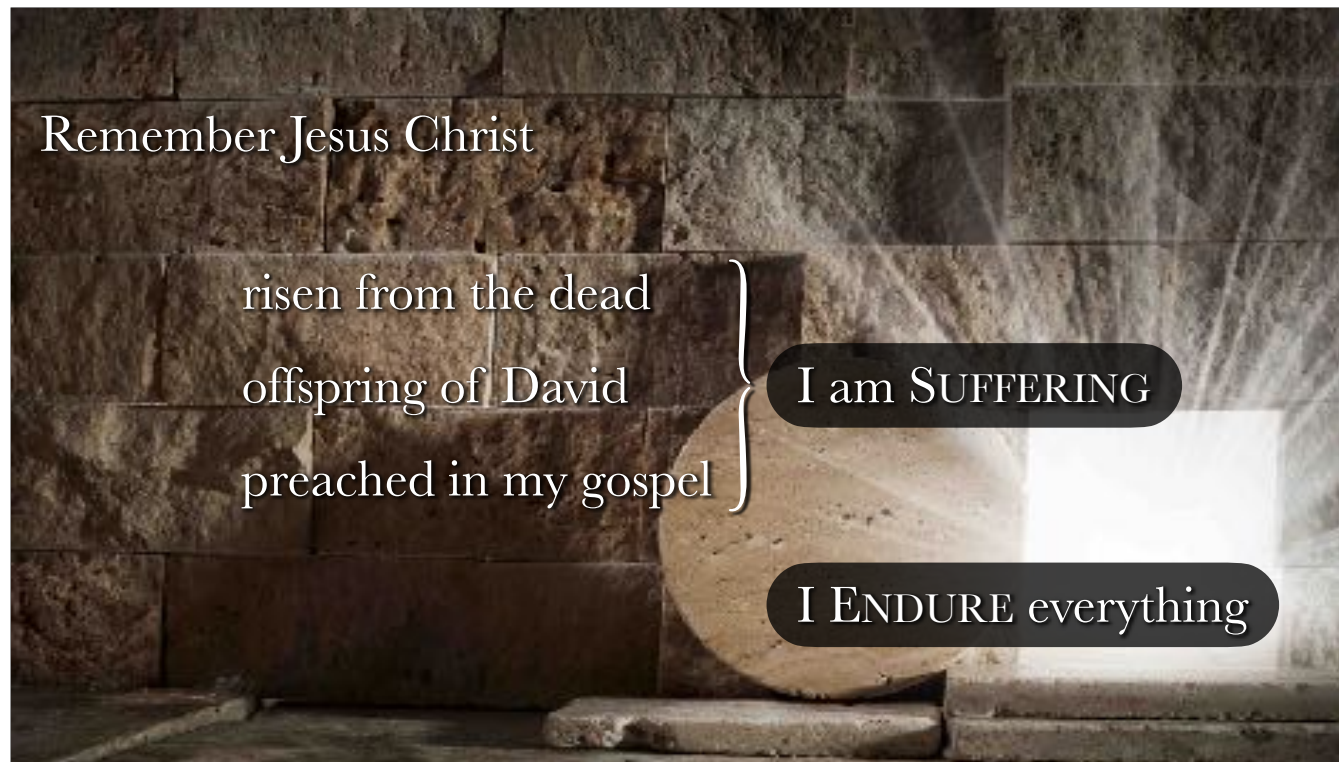


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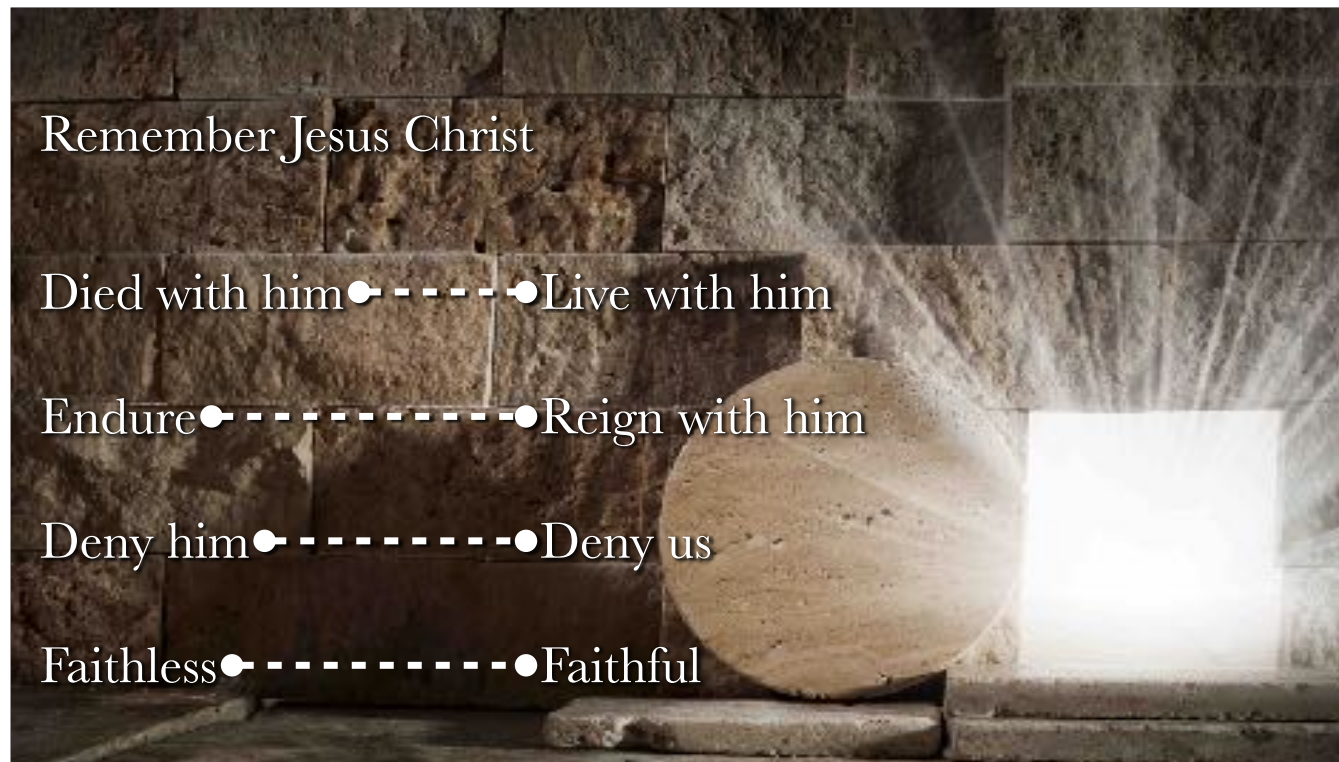
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offspring of David
preached in my gospel

I am SUFFERING

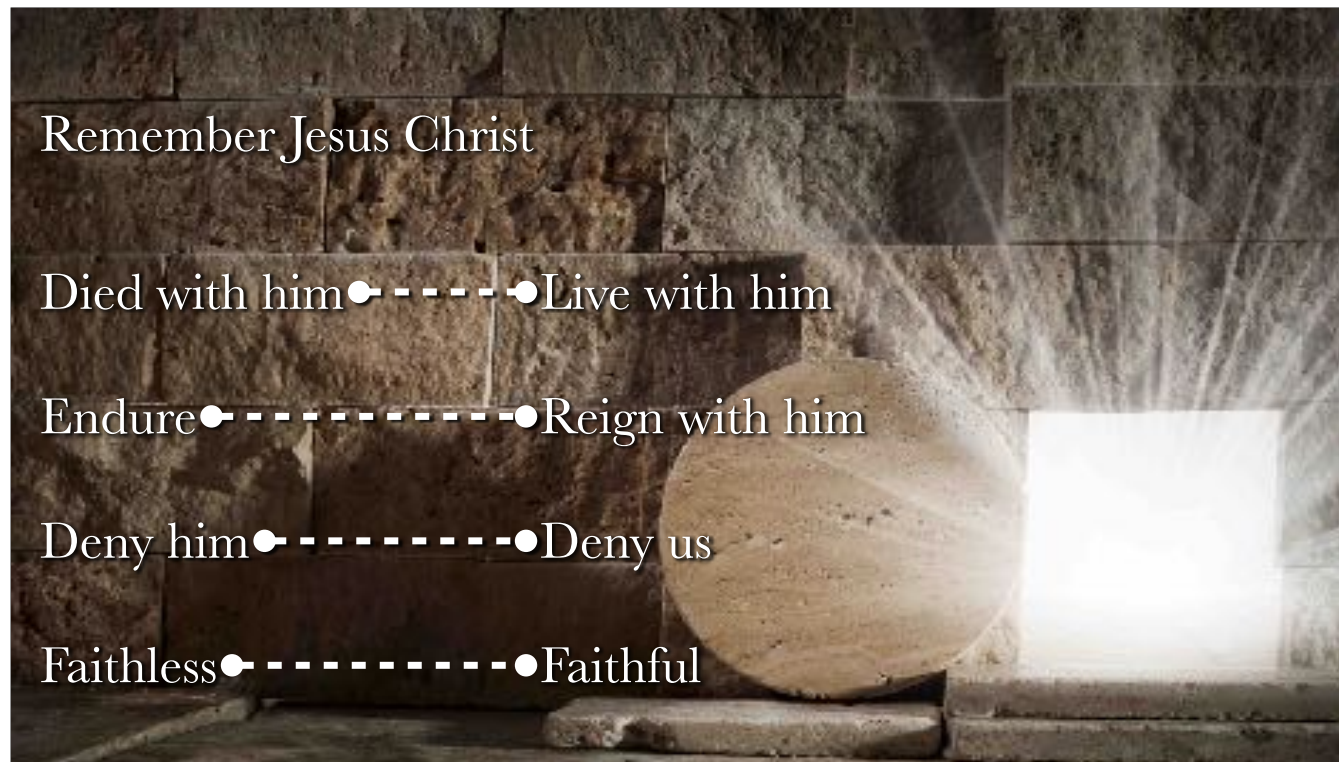
- 9 for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!



- 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

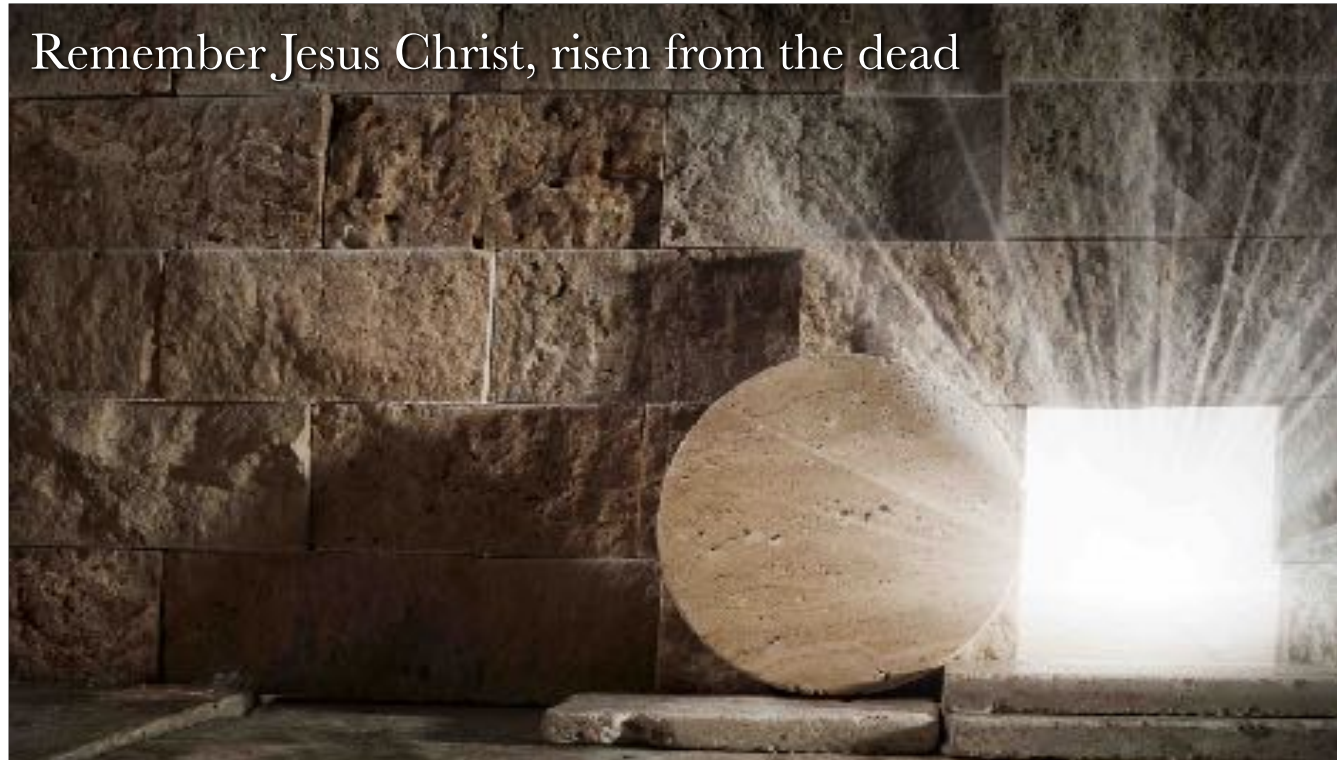


- 11 The saying is trustworthy, for:
 - If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
 - 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him;
 - if we deny him, he also will deny us;
 - 13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
 - for he cannot deny himself.

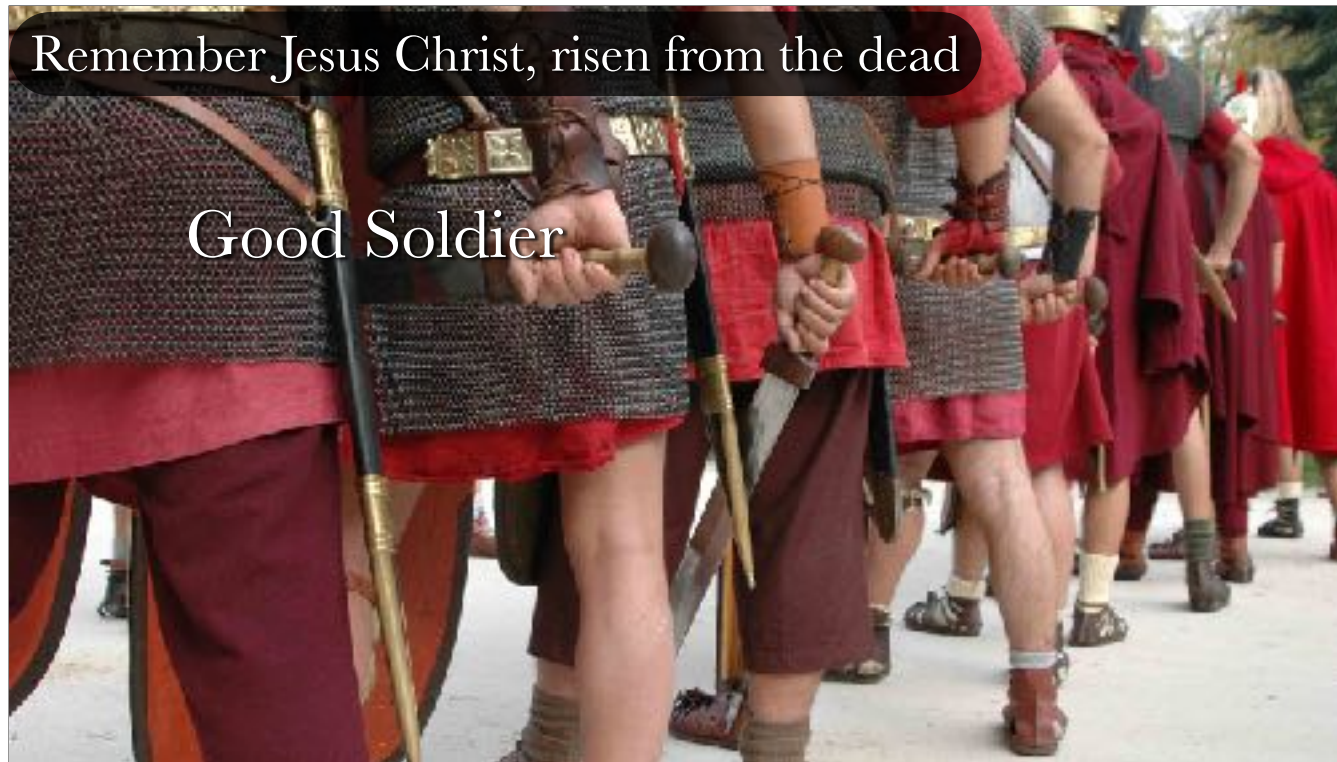


- Endure, Deny, Faithless are all aspects of the same thing.
- Since I have died with him — how do I live
 - There will be suffering
 - How do I endure?
 - How do I confess? (opposite of deny?)
 - How do I remain faithful?
 - Real faithfulness — not just church going, ritual; meaningless to me and heartless

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead



- In this chapter Paul gives us 6 examples to help us learn what it means to Endure and share in the suffering
 - Remember the point is salvation: mine and all the elect.
- Soldier, Athlete, Farmer, Worker, Vessel, Servant



- 3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.



- Share in suffering
 - Following Jesus will be difficult in a variety of ways
 - But we are not alone —
 - Jesus suffered
 - Our brethren
 - Together we can help each other endure



- Unentangled
 - “civilian affairs”; “affairs of this life”
 - This is not saying that it’s wrong to get married, or to work other jobs (Paul makes that clear in other passages)
 - It’s warning us of letting the things of this life, whatever they be, become more important than the work of following Jesus
 - Luke 9:57-62: Follow me
 - FIRST: bury my father
 - FIRST: say farewell to those at my home
 - If you have to think about it, beware.



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Good Soldier

Share in suffering

Unentangled

Please the one who enlisted him

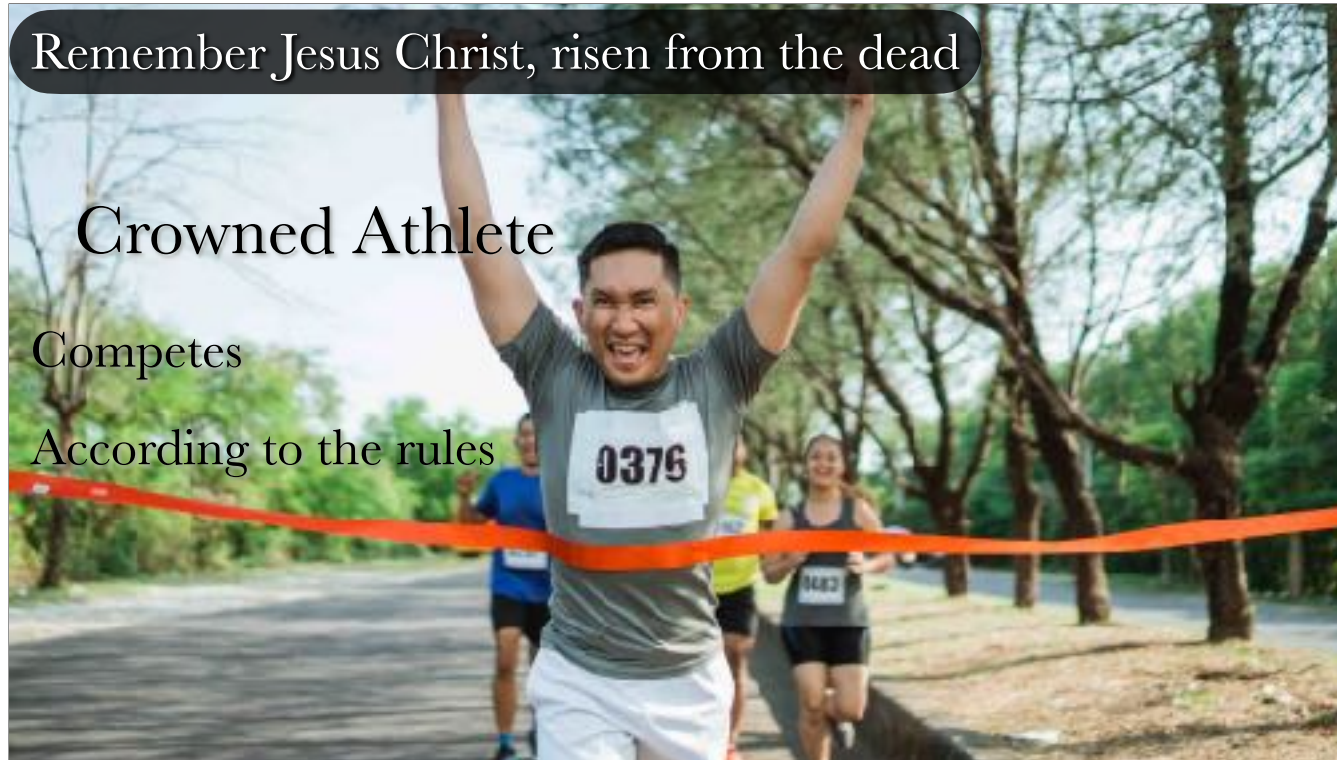
- Aim
 - to please the one who enlisted him
 - What is the aim of your life?
 - Is it about ease? or pleasure? or wealth?
 - The good soldier obeys
 - Do you want to please Jesus?
- Endure by being devoted to Jesus

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Crowned Athlete

Competes

According to the rules



- 5 An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.
 - Competes
 - This is not just training, we are in
 - According to the Rules
 - There are no short cuts
 - There's no way to escape the hardships and sufferings
 - We must endure while we run the course before us
- We endure by being disciplined

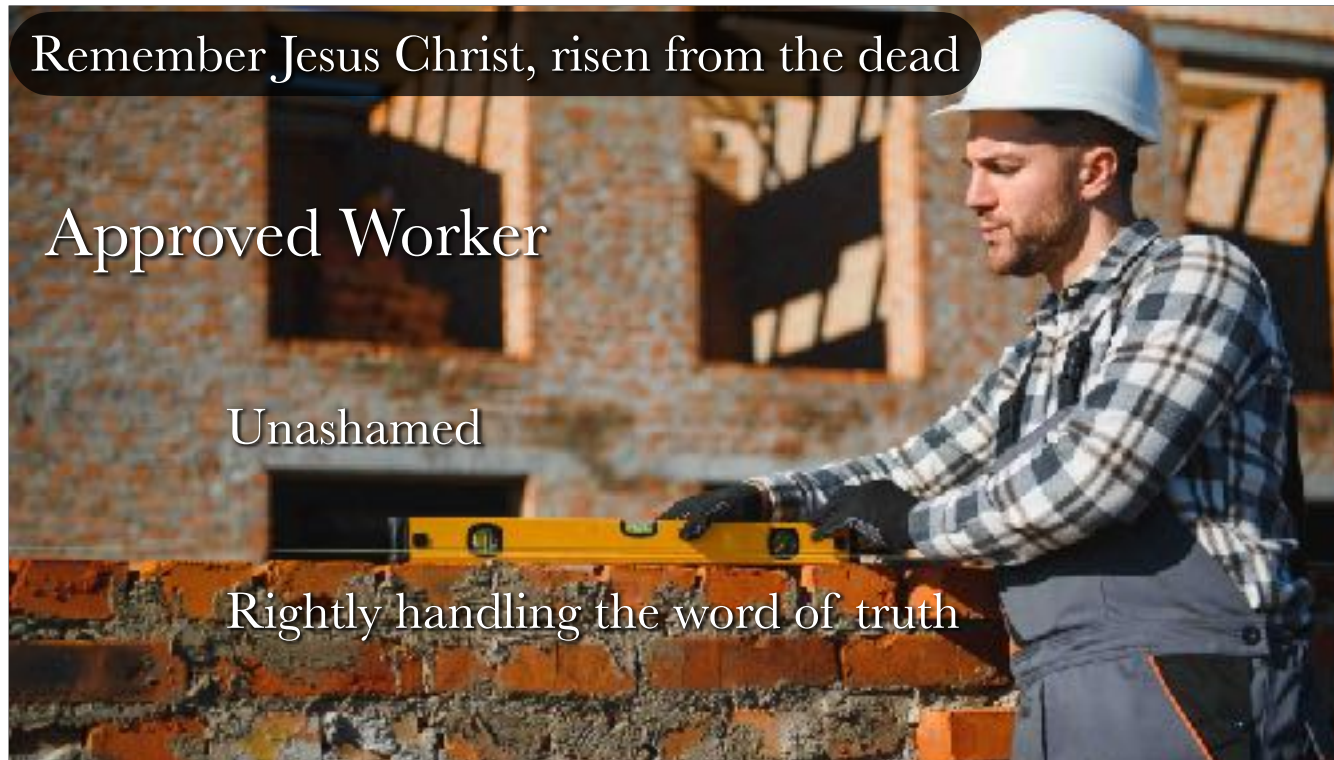
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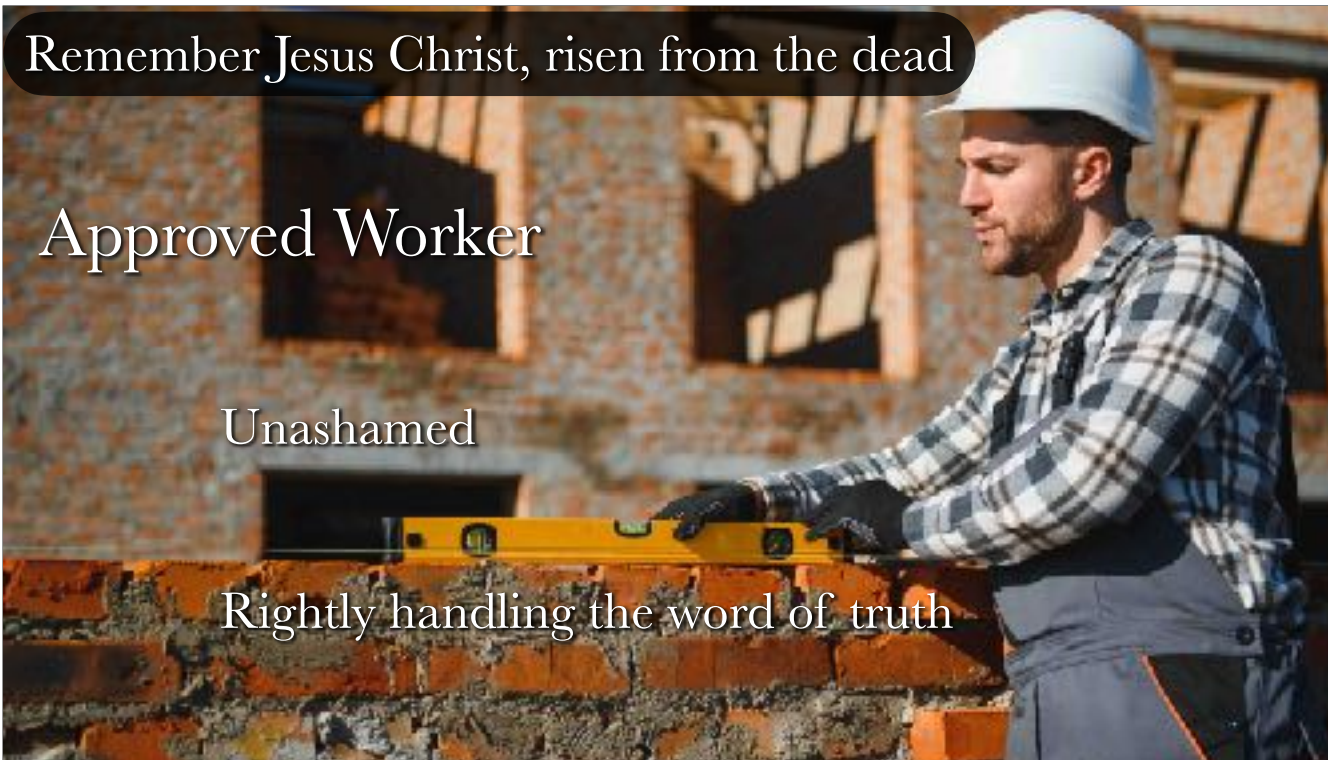
Hardworking Farmer

First share
of the crops

- 6 It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops.
 - Diligence
 - Farmers work when work needs to be done
 - And Work always needs to be done
 - Why do they keep working? Hope!
 - That first taste, and a job well done
- Endure through hope.



- 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.
 - Approved
 - examined by testing
 - Worker
 - Unashamed
 - didn't shirk, cut corners



- Rightly handling
 - 14) quarrel about words — ruins hearers
 - 16) irreverent babble — ungodliness
 - Many people abuse God's word, twisting it, perverting it to their own purposes
 - We are often tempted to listen because it fits what we want to hear
 - We must be careful to seek the truth in God's word, helping others to grow
- Endure by Faithfulness to His Word

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Honorable Vessel

Useful

Ready for every good work

- 20 Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. 21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.



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Honorable Vessel

Useful

Ready for every good work

- Cleansed — useful
 - Baptism — dies to sin
 - Pharisees — hypocrites: cleansed outside but not inside
 - Set apart — Dedicated for a purpose
- Useful to the Master
- Every Good work
- Endure by Doing Good



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Lord's Servant

Not quarrelsome

Kind to everyone

Able to teach

Patiently enduring evil

Correcting opponents with gentleness

- 24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness.
 - Quarrels are essentially selfish, striving to win, better others
 - Kindness, Teaching (not brow beating), Patience, Correcting with gentleness
 - Salvation ... helping
- Endure by patiently teaching



How do we endure?

Good soldier — devoted

Crowned athlete — discipline

Hardworking farmer — hope

Approved worker — faithfulness

Honorable vessel — doing good works

Lord's servant — patiently teaching

- Soldier — devoted
- Athlete — discipline
- Farmer — hope
- Worker — faithfulness to God & God's Word
- Vessel — doing good works, useful
- Servant — patiently teaching



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- He doesn't call us
 - general, rather soldiers
 - coach, rather athlete
 - land owner, rather farmer
 - boss, rather worker
 - china, rather useful vessel
 - master, rather servant
- Remember Jesus — raised from the dead: life and hope



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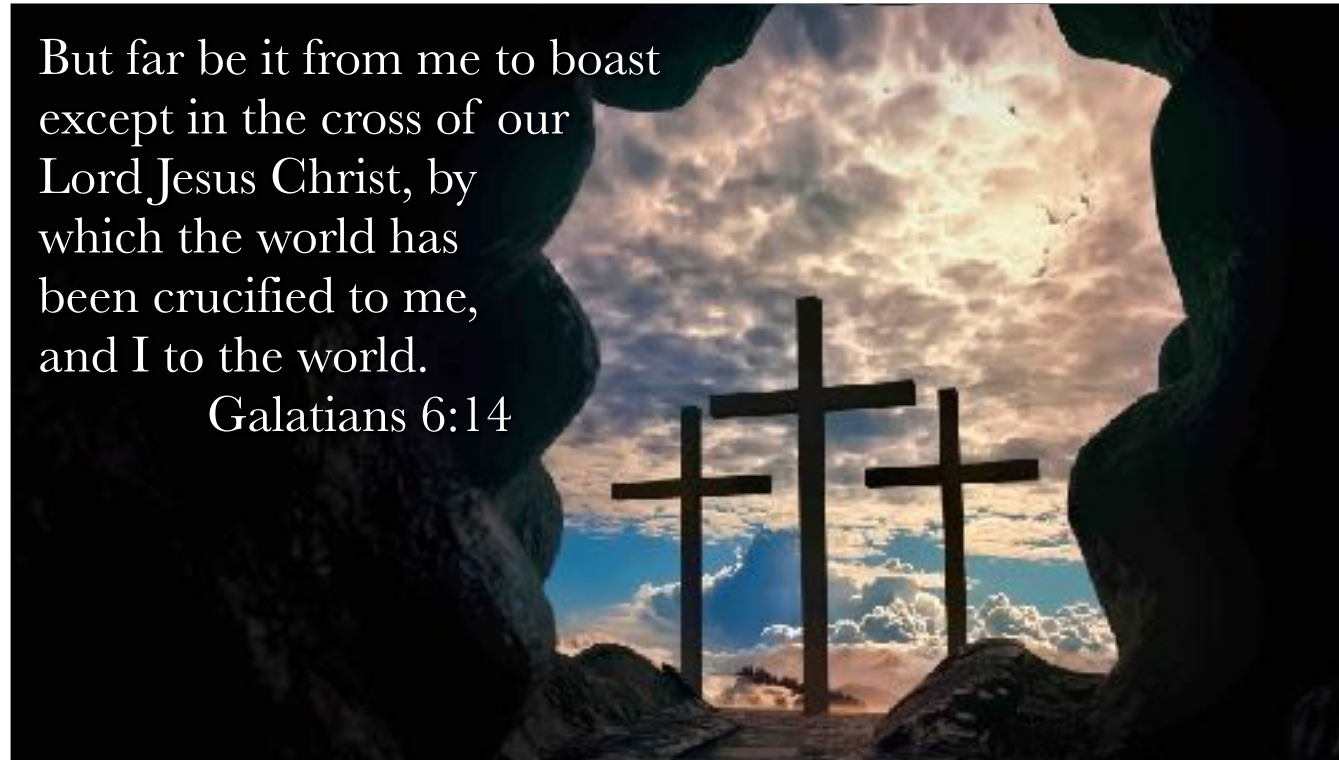
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Lord Jesus Christ, by
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and I to the world.

Galatians 6:14



- Galatians 6:14 (ESV)
- 14 But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Call to Action

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2 Timothy 2:1-21

Synopsis: Paul reminds Timothy to remember Jesus, raised from the dead. He encourages us to endure as Jesus did so that we can be exalted, providing six examples that show we can endure by being devoted, discipline, hope, faithfulness, doing good works, and patiently teaching.

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"Let all that you do be done with love."