



1. The Biblical Message

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1. The Biblical Message

A. People are Made for God

Genesis 1:27–28

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”



1. The Biblical Message

A. People are Made for God

Colossians 1:16

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

Romans 11:36

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.



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A. People are Made for God

Jeremiah 2:11–13

my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.



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1. The Biblical Message

A. People are Made for God

Psalm 16:11

*You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*



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B. People Rebelled

Genesis 3:6

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.



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B. People Rebelled

Romans 3:9–12

What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”



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C. People are Sentenced to “Death”

1) Relational Death

Genesis 3:7–8

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

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C. People are Sentenced to “Death”

1) Relational Death

Isaiah 59:1–2

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.



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1. The Biblical Message

C. People are Sentenced to “Death”

1) Relational Death

Ephesians 2:1–3

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

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C. People are Sentenced to “Death”

2) Biological Death

Genesis 3:17–19

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life... By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”



1. The Biblical Message

C. People are Sentenced to “Death”

2) Biological Death

Romans 5:12–14

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

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1. The Biblical Message

D. God Solves The Problem

1) Relational Death

John 14:6–7

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also.



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1. The Biblical Message

D. God Solves The Problem

1) Relational Death

Ephesians 2:4–7

even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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1. The Biblical Message

D. God Solves The Problem

2) Biological Death

John 11:23–27

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.



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2) Biological Death

1 Corinthians 15:21–26

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead... Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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2. The Prophetic Plan

A. Eternal Solutions

1) An Eternal Kingdom

Daniel 2:44

And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever



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2. The Prophetic Plan

A. Eternal Solutions

1) An Eternal Kingdom

Ezekiel 37:25

They shall dwell in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children shall dwell there forever



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2. The Prophetic Plan

A. Eternal Solutions

1) An Eternal Kingdom

Isaiah 60:15

Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, with no one passing through, I will make you majestic forever, a joy from age to age.



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2. The Prophetic Plan

A. Eternal Solutions

1) An Eternal Kingdom

Jeremiah 31:35–36

Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the LORD of hosts is his name: “If this fixed order departs from before me, declares the LORD, then shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before me forever.”

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2. The Prophetic Plan

A. Eternal Solutions

2) An Eternal King

Ezekiel 37:25

They shall dwell in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children shall dwell there forever, and David my servant shall be their prince forever.



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2. The Prophetic Plan

A. Eternal Solutions

2) An Eternal King

Daniel 7:14

And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.



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2. The Prophetic Plan

A. Eternal Solutions

2) An Eternal King

Luke 1:32–33

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”



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2. The Prophetic Plan

A. Eternal Solutions

3) Eternal Citizens

Daniel 12:2–3

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. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.



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2. The Prophetic Plan

A. Eternal Solutions

3) Eternal Citizens

Isaiah 26:19

Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead.



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2. The Prophetic Plan

A. Eternal Solutions

3) Eternal Citizens

Ezekiel 37:12–14

Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.



2. The Prophetic Plan

A. Eternal Solutions

3) Eternal Citizens

Ezekiel 37:12–14

And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”



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2. The Prophetic Plan

A. Eternal Solutions

3) Eternal Citizens

Psalm 49:14–15

Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd, and the upright shall rule over them in the morning. Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell. But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.



2. The Prophetic Plan

A. Eternal Solutions

3) Eternal Citizens

Psalm 73:23–26

I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.



2. The Prophetic Plan

A. Eternal Solutions

3) Eternal Citizens

Psalm 23:6

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



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2. The Prophetic Plan

B. The Solution Foretold

1) Messiah Would Fix the Sin Problem

Daniel 9:24–26

Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. ...an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing.



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2. The Prophetic Plan

B. The Solution Foretold

1) Messiah Would Fix the Sin Problem

Isaiah 53:5–6

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.



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2. The Prophetic Plan

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1) Messiah Would Fix the Sin Problem

Isaiah 53:7–8

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

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2. The Prophetic Plan

B. The Solution Foretold

1) Messiah Would Fix the Sin Problem

Isaiah 53:9

And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.



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2. The Prophetic Plan

B. The Solution Foretold

1) Messiah Would Fix the Sin Problem

Isaiah 53:10–11

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring... Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

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2. The Prophetic Plan

B. The Solution Foretold

2) Messiah Would Fix the Death Problem

Isaiah 53:10

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.



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2. The Prophetic Plan

B. The Solution Foretold

2) Messiah Would Fix the Death Problem

Isaiah 53:12

Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.



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2. The Prophetic Plan

B. The Solution Foretold

2) Messiah Would Fix the Death Problem

Hosea 13:14

I shall ransom them from the power of Sheol;

I shall redeem them from Death.

O Death, where are your plagues?

O Sheol, where is your sting?



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2. The Prophetic Plan

B. The Solution Foretold

2) Messiah Would Fix the Death Problem

Isaiah 25:7–8

And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.



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2. The Prophetic Plan

B. The Solution Foretold

2) Messiah Would Fix the Death Problem

Acts 2:22–32

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing

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2) Messiah Would Fix the Death Problem

Acts 2:22–32

the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, “ ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have

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2) Messiah Would Fix the Death Problem

Acts 2:22–32

made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne,

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2) Messiah Would Fix the Death Problem

Acts 2:22–32

he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.



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B. The Solution Foretold

2) Messiah Would Fix the Death Problem

1 Corinthians 15:3–4

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures



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2. The Prophetic Plan

B. The Solution Foretold

3) Messiah Foretold It Himself

Matthew 16:21–23

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.



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2. The Prophetic Plan

B. The Solution Foretold

3) Messiah Foretold It Himself

Matthew 16:21–23

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”



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2. The Prophetic Plan

B. The Solution Foretold

3) Messiah Foretold It Himself

Matthew 17:22–23

As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.” And they were greatly distressed.



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2. The Prophetic Plan

B. The Solution Foretold

3) Messiah Foretold It Himself

John 2:18–22

So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

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2. The Prophetic Plan

B. The Solution Foretold

3) Messiah Foretold It Himself

John 2:18–22

When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.



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2. The Prophetic Plan

B. The Solution Foretold

3) Messiah Foretold It Himself

Matthew 12:38–40

“Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.” 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. 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.

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3) Messiah Foretold It Himself

John 10:17–18

For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.



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2. The Prophetic Plan

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3) Messiah Foretold It Himself

Matthew 27:62–64

the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.”

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3. The Historical Claim

A. A Public Professional Execution

Matthew 27:27–31

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand... And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

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3. The Historical Claim

A. A Public Professional Execution

Luke 23:46–48

Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!” And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts.

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A. A Public Professional Execution

John 19:32–34

So the soldiers came... But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.

Mark 15:45

And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph.

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3. The Historical Claim

B. Jesus' Empty Tomb

Luke 24:1–4

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this



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B. Jesus' Empty Tomb

John 20:2–5

So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there

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3. The Historical Claim

C. Witness Testimony

John 20:14–16

Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!”

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3. The Historical Claim

C. Witness Testimony

Luke 24:24–27

Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

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3. The Historical Claim

C. Witness Testimony

John 20:24–29

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked,

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C. Witness Testimony

John 20:24–29

Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

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3. The Historical Claim

C. Witness Testimony

John 21:4–7

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.



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3. The Historical Claim

C. Witness Testimony

John 21:4–7

That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea.



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3. The Historical Claim

C. Witness Testimony

Acts 1:3–5

He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

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3. The Historical Claim

C. Witness Testimony

Acts 13:28–31

And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people.

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C. Witness Testimony

1 Corinthians 15:4–7

that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.



3. The Historical Claim

D. A Living Christ's Massive Influence

Matthew 28:18–20

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



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Matthew 16:18

I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.



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Matthew 13:31–32

He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”



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Acts 17:5–7

[they] attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.”

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D. A Living Christ's Massive Influence

Acts 26:22–29

To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.” And as he was saying these things in his



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Acts 26:22–29

defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind.” But Paul said, “I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice,



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Acts 26:22–29

for this has not been done in a corner. King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.” And Agrippa said to Paul, “In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?” And Paul said, “Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains.”



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3. The Historical Claim

D. A Living Christ's Massive Influence

Luke 24:18–24

Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and



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D. A Living Christ's Massive Influence

Luke 24:18–24

rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back



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Luke 24:18–24

saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”



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4. The Objections

A. “Resurrections Can’t Happen”

- *Only if there is No God*
- *Only if God Never Intervenes*

B. “Reports or Resurrection are False”

- *“Because that Cannot Happen”*
- *“Bible is Not Reliable”*
- *“The Witnesses or ‘Editors’ are Deceptive”*
- *“The Witnesses or ‘Editors’ are Delusional”*

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5. The Options

A. Deception

1) Lying Witnesses?

a) Not Consistent with their Teaching



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HOLY
BIBLE

Has the **TRUTH**
set you free?



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John 8:32

5. The Options

A. Deception

1) Lying Witnesses?

a) Not Consistent with their Teaching

b) Not Consistent with their Character



1 Corinthians 15:14





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***“If Christ has not be raised then
we are misrepresenting God,
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that he raised Christ”***

5. The Options

A. Deception

1) Lying Witnesses?

- a) Not Consistent with their Teaching***
- b) Not Consistent with their Character***
- c) Not Consistent with their Persistence***







“Watergate involved a conspiracy to cover up, perpetuated by those intensely loyal to their president. John Dean, turned state’s evidence to ‘save his own skin’ and that in only two weeks



“The lie, could only be held together for two weeks, and then everybody else jumped ship in order to save themselves embarrassment or maybe prison. Nobody’s life was at stake.”

5. The Options

A. Deception

2) Lying Editors?

a) *No Evidence of Editors*

b) *Early Inscribed Testimony*

1 Corinthians 15:3–4 (AD 54)

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: ...that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures



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5. The Options

B. Delusion

1) Hallucinations?

a) *Too Many*

b) *Simultaneous*

1 Corinthians 15:5–7

he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time... Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.



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5. The Options

B. Delusion

2) Wish Fulfillment?

a) Text Shows Their Incredulity

b) Too Easy to Disprove a “Wish”



He's In Here!



5. The Options

C. Divinely Fulfilled Prophecy

1 Corinthians 15:14–21

And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith



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5. The Options

C. Divinely Fulfilled Prophecy

1 Corinthians 15:14–21

is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

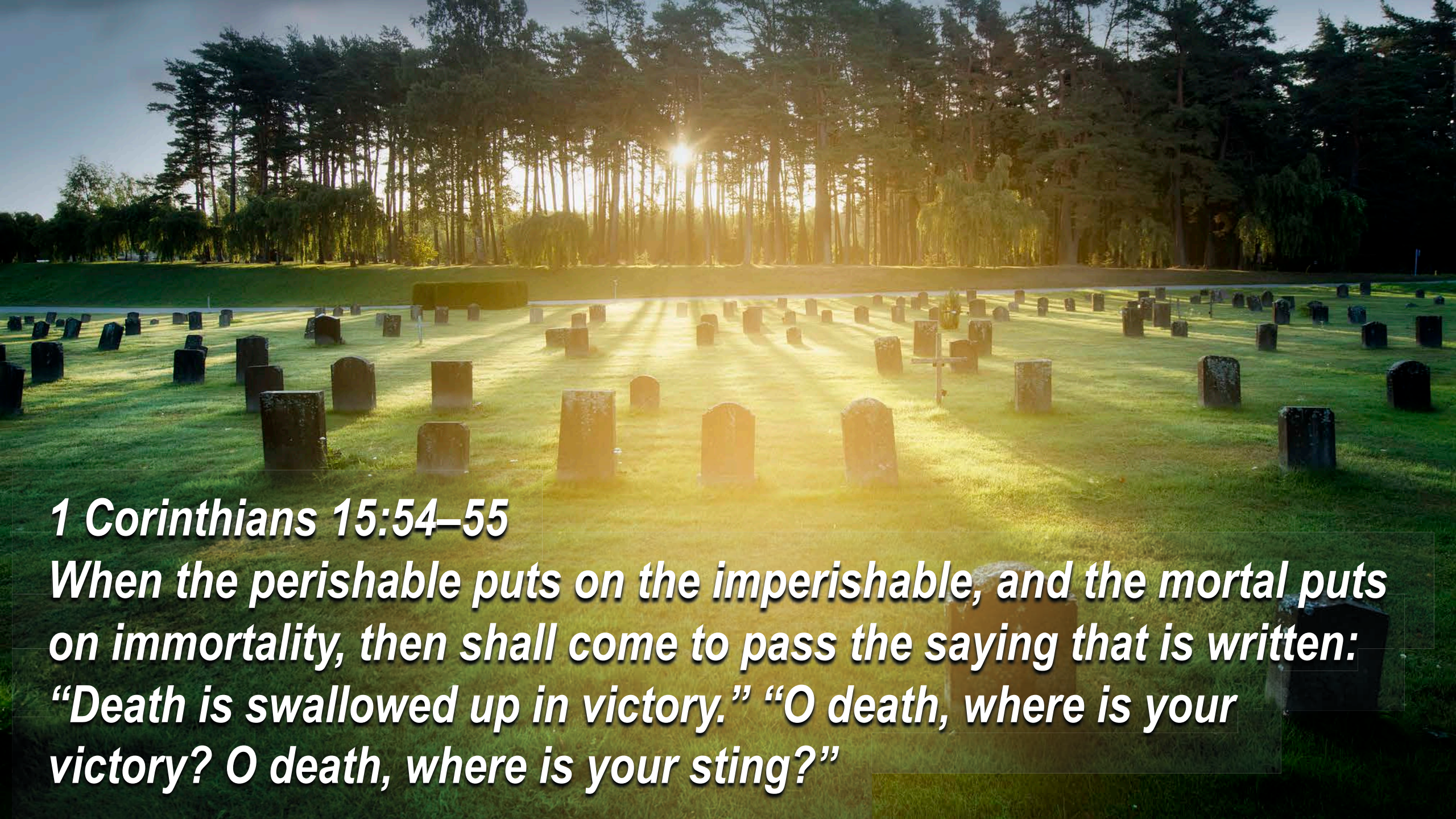


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1 Corinthians 15:26

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.



1 Corinthians 15:54–55

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”



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