

KEY SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 2:9

No eye has seen or ear has heard what God has prepared for those who love him.

John 11:25-26

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

Luke 23:43

Today, you'll be with me in paradise.

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Acts 24:15

There will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.

2 Corinthians 5:10

We must all stand before Christ to be judged.

Additional Scripture:

1 Corinthians 15:42, 44; John 13:36-14:6; Hebrews 9:27; Matthew 22:24-30; Isaiah 65:17



What happens when we die? Where do we go? What is heaven like? No one on earth will ever be able to answer these questions about the afterlife until we reach it. We can put our faith and trust in God, knowing that he has it all planned out for us to join him in paradise. In the end, there is a choice to be made: Jesus tells us to choose heaven, choose forgiveness, choose to enter a life-giving relationship with him that leads us to heaven.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Jesus says that he is the way to the Father and that we should put all of our trust in him. After hearing this weekend's message, how can you strengthen your trust in God—knowing that what He has planned for us is so great?
- 2. It's normal to fear death, but we can find comfort in the fact that every one of us will be resurrected after death. How can you beat the fear of death and replace it with the joy of knowing that, when we close our eyes in this life, they will open immediately in eternity with the Lord?
- 3. Jesus died for us so that we will be able to stand before God one day and be welcomed into heaven. Have you ever felt undeserving of this amazing gift from God? What are some things you can do to live for God?
- 4. Read **Isaiah 26:19**. Reflect on how you are living your life right now. Are you living your life for you or for the glory of God? What steps can you take to focus your life on Christ?

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

God sent his only Son to die for our sins so we could join Him in heaven for the rest of our lives. How has the knowledge of God's amazing plans for us in the afterlife strengthened your faith? Share about it on social media using **#HardToBelieve**.

COMMIT TO MEMORY

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." **John 14:6**

