

JESUS: Healer of (Dead) Hearts

"HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL LIVE, EVEN THOUGH HE DIES" — JOHN 11:25

Week 3 of 3

Princess Bride Clip

DEATH IS **Wrong**.

GOD IS **Life**

WE WERE MADE TO **live!**

Jesus: I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10

to do that, he had to die

The Back Story

It all started in a Garden...

- ▶ Adam and Eve rejected God. **Sin** entered.
- ▶ Sin is **separation** from God.

But there is a problem—your sins have cut you off from God. Because of your sin, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.

Isaiah 59:2 NLT

- ▶ Sin is **death**.

We are the Walking Dead. (ZOMBIE CLIP)

Jesus **defeated** death.

He first conquered sin.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.

Hebrews 4:15

Then, he conquered death.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Paul knows his claim sounds unbelievable. // Everything hinges on this claim.

DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

- ▶ "I believe Jesus died and rose again."
- ▶ "I believe Jesus died and stayed dead!"
- ▶ "I don't really know and it doesn't really matter."
- ▶ "I'm not convinced but I'm actively investigating."

WHAT IF HE NEVER ROSE?

- ▶ He was a **normal** man with **maniacal** claims.
- ▶ Christianity is a religion of **myth** and **legend**.
- ▶ Either there is no God or God **disapproved** of Jesus.

BUT IF HE ROSE?

- ▶ Then this Jesus is the **chosen one** of God with **power over death!**

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."

John 11:25

Jesus will defeat death **for you!**

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Ezekiel 36:25-27

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

Romans 8:11

So What?

Through Jesus, your loved ones will be raised, your own body will be restored, your heart will be healed, you will know life abundant and eternal!

JESUS HAS DEFEATED DEATH!