



DON'T BE AFRAID JUST BELIEVE

*Jesus ... told the synagogue leader, "Don't be afraid! Just believe."
Mark 5:36*

DON'T BE AFRAID, JUST BELIEVE WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT DEATH

➤ 4 TRUTHS THAT JESUS CALLS ME TO BELIEVE ABOUT MY DEATH

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No one can escape the power of death and the grave. Psalms 89:48 (CEV)

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*What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.
James 4:14b (NIV)*

*My days go by more quickly than a runner. They sprint away...²⁶They pass by quickly like boats made from reeds, like an eagle swooping down on its prey.
Job 9:25-26 (GW)*

2. _____

Everyone has to die once, then face the consequences. Hebrews 9:27 (MP)

¹⁰*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV)*

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³¹*"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world... ⁴¹"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels... ⁴⁶"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." Matthew 25:31-34, 41, 46 (NIV)*

"There was a rich man ... Every day was like a party to him. ²⁰ There was also a beggar named Lazarus... ²² "One day the beggar died, and the angels carried him

to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ He went to Hades, where he was constantly tortured... ²⁴ He yelled, 'Father Abraham! Have mercy on me! ...I am suffering in this fire.' ²⁵ "Abraham replied, 'Remember, my child, that you had a life filled with good times, while Lazarus' life was filled with misery. Now Lazarus has peace..., while you suffer" Luke 16:22-25 (GW)

I heard a voice out of Heaven, "Write this: Blessed are those who die in the Master from now on; how blessed to die that way!" "Yes," says the Spirit, "and blessed rest from their hard, hard work. None of what they've done is wasted; God blesses them for it all in the end." Revelation 14:13 (MP)

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Teach us to number each of our days so that we may grow in wisdom.

Psalms 90:12 (GW)

²*It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart. ³ Frustration is better than laughter, because a sad face is good for the heart. ⁴ The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of pleasure. Ecclesiastes 7:2-4 (NIV)*

Remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear during your time as "foreigners in the land." 1 Peter 1:17 (NLT)

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³*For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ^{8a} and last of all he appeared to me also ... 1 Corinthians 15:3-8a (NIV)*

²⁰*But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died. ²¹ So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. ²² Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. ²³ But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back. 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 (NLT)*

⁵⁸*So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 (NLT)*

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