

Path of the Messiah

New Life

The background is a dark, grainy, black and white image. It depicts a path or road that curves from the bottom right towards the center. At the end of the path, there is a simple wooden cross. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

Recap

If I were no longer preaching salvation through the cross of Christ, no one would be **offended**.

Galatians 5:11

So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the **Jews are offended** and the **Gentiles say it's all nonsense**. **1 Corinthians 1:23**

Recap

“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, **the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.” **Zechariah 12:10****

Recap

This is the genealogy of Jesus **the Messiah
the son of David, the son of Abraham:
Matthew 1:1**

**Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the
wilderness (Numbers 21), so the Son of Man
must be lifted up, that everyone who believes
may have eternal life in him.” **John 3:14-15****

The Messiah was the promised Saviour of Israel

But He was also the Saviour of all humanity

**The Messiah was the promise of
the Old Testament**

He was the fulfillment of the Gospels

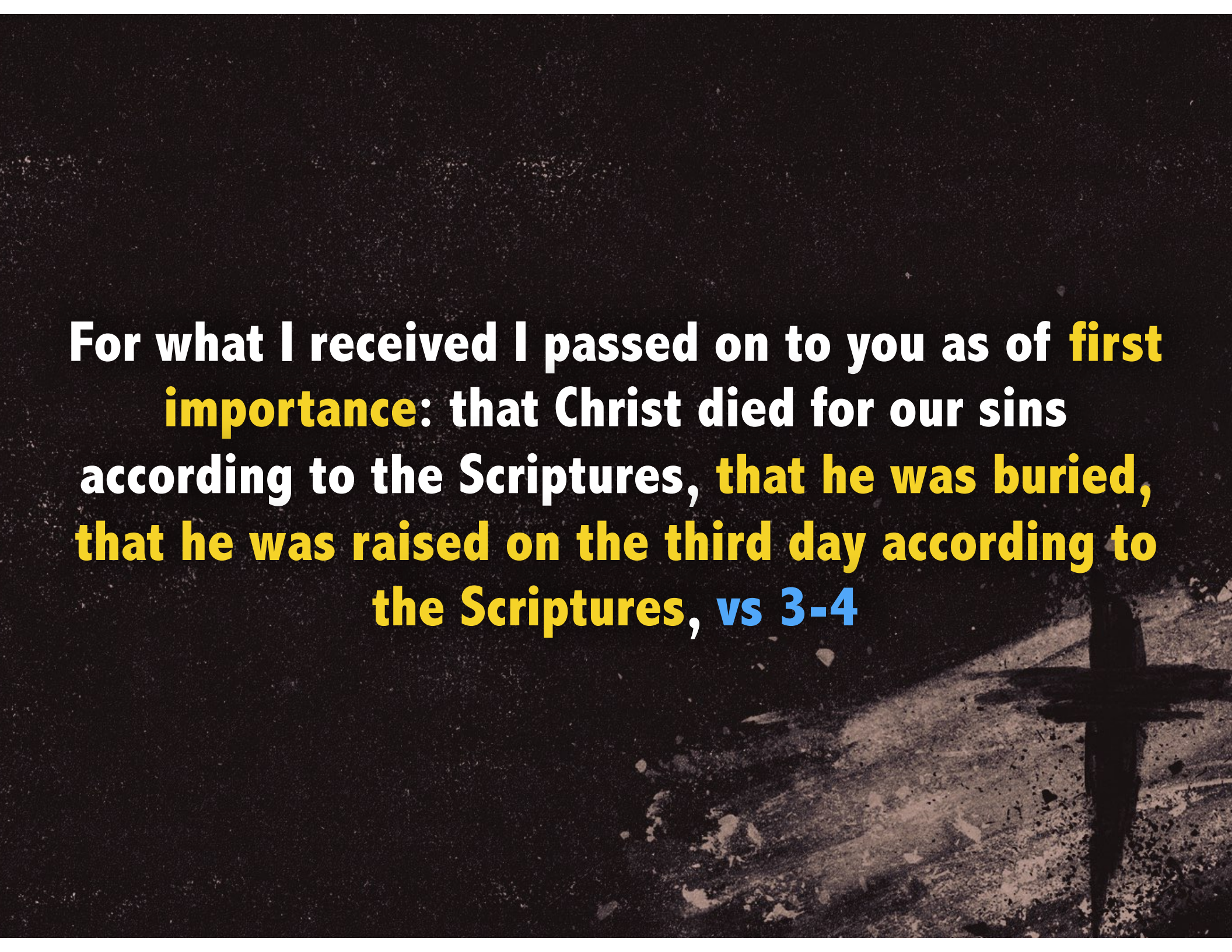
He is the promise to come

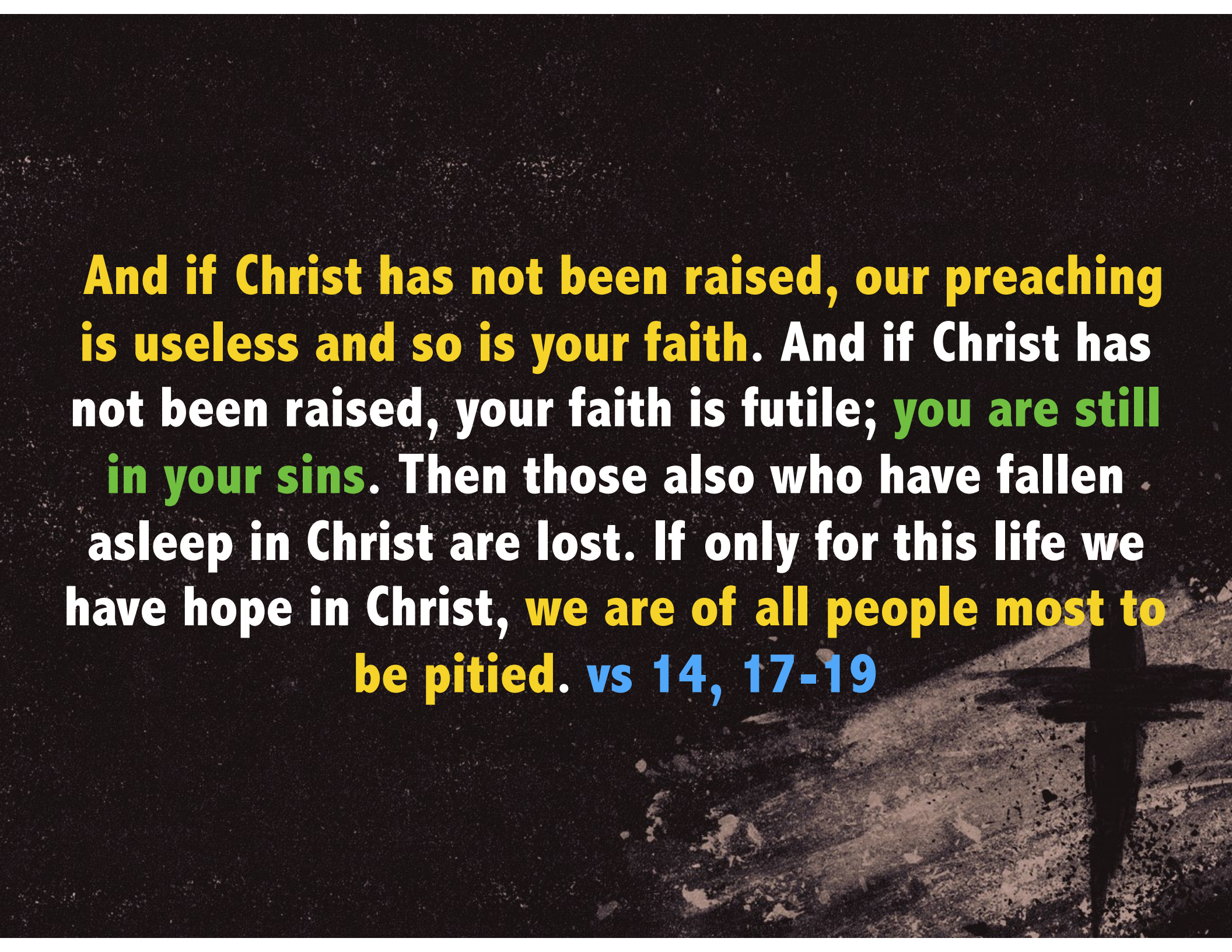
The resurrection is the promise of all things new



Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. **By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. **Otherwise, you have believed in vain.** 1 Corinthians 15:1-2**

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, vs 3-4**





And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. vs 14, 17-19

Why the Resurrection?

But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. **Acts 2:24**

Seeing what was to come, **he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah**, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. **vs 31-32**

Why the Resurrection?

**The Resurrection was the validation
of Jesus as the Messiah**

**The miracles and teaching weren't enough to
prove Messiahship. Only the Resurrection could
remove doubt from the claims about Jesus (who
He was and what He would accomplish)**

Why the Resurrection?

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, **because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead**, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. **Psalm 16:9-11**

After he has suffered, **he will see the light of life and be satisfied**; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. **Isaiah 53:11**

Why the Resurrection?

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? vs 1

“He trusts in the Lord,” they say, “let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.” vs 8

Psalm 22

All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment. vs 17-18

Deliver me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs. vs 20 (24)

Why the Resurrection?

**All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him
—those who cannot keep themselves alive.**

**Posterity will serve him; future generations will
be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his
righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn:**

He has done it! vs 29-31

Why the Resurrection?

regarding his Son, **who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David**, and who through the Spirit of holiness **was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 1:3-4**

Why the Resurrection?

For the **wages of sin is death**, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 6:23**

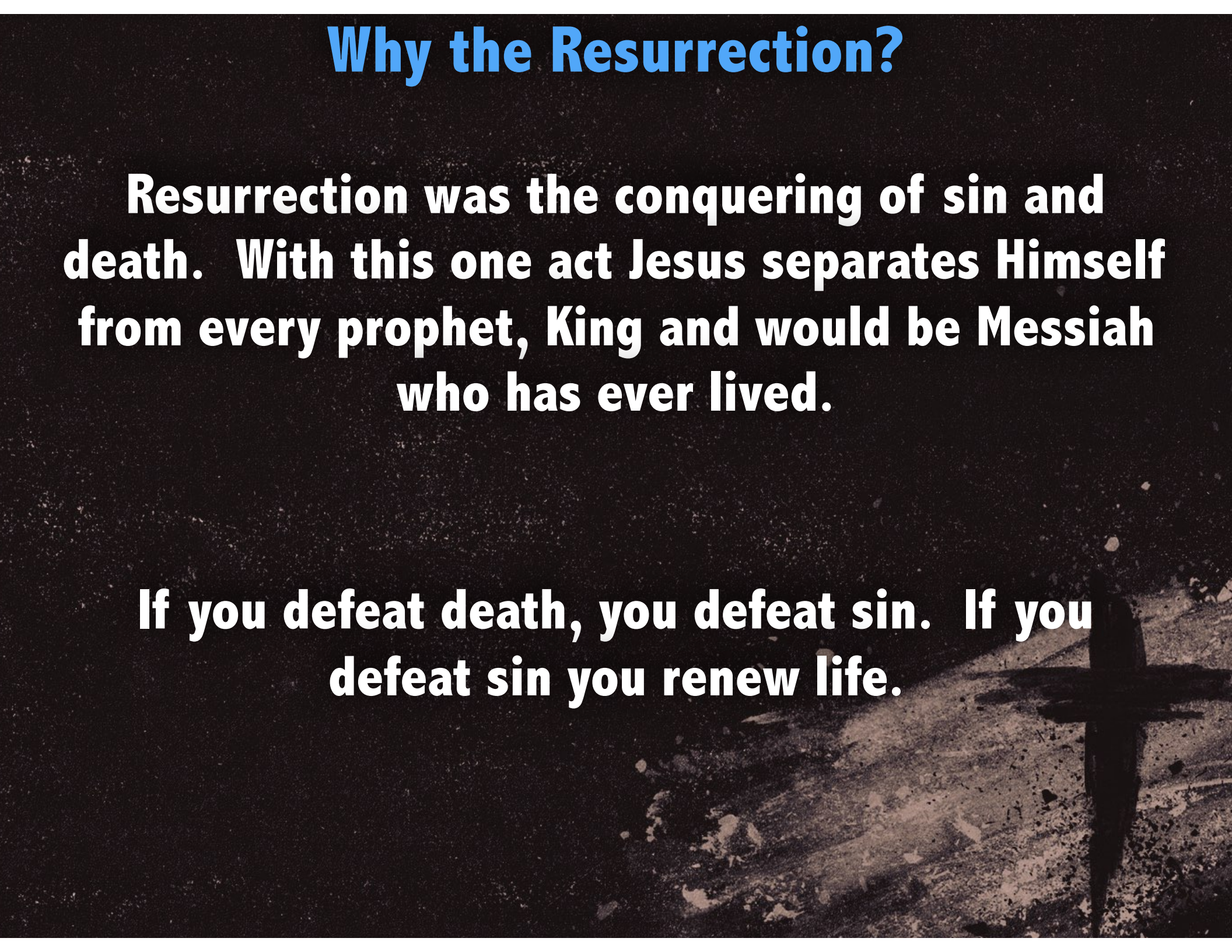
Now **if we died with Christ**, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that **since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again**; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. **In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:8-11**

sin=death
resurrection=life

Why the Resurrection?

Resurrection was the conquering of sin and death. With this one act Jesus separates Himself from every prophet, King and would be Messiah who has ever lived.

If you defeat death, you defeat sin. If you defeat sin you renew life.



Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: **He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit,** was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

1 Timothy 3:16

“The New Testament writers speak as if Christ’s achievement in rising from the dead was the first event of its kind in the whole history of the universe. He is the ‘first fruits,’ the ‘pioneer of life.’ He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought, and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because He has done so. This is the beginning of the New Creation: a new chapter in cosmic history has been opened.”

CS Lewis, Miracles, 1947

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, **“if you had been here, my brother would not have died.** But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

Jesus said to her, **“Your brother will rise again.”** Martha answered, **“I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”** Jesus said to her, **“I am the resurrection and the life.** The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” **“Yes, Lord,”** she replied, **“I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”** **John 11:21-27**