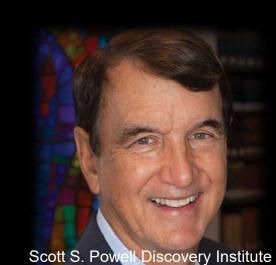


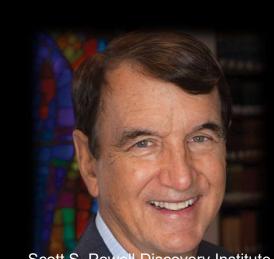
"[F]rom the beginning of creation to now, about 30 billion people have lived on earth. Of those, one person stands out, unique above all others – Jesus Christ. Every recorded word He spoke has been studied, sifted, and analyzed from generation to generation by theologians, philosophers, and historians.

At this moment, multiple millions around the globe in every time zone are studying what this one individual had to say. Jesus of Nazareth taught in a tiny land called Israel 2,000 years ago. Yet His birth has divided the centuries into B.C. and A.D. He divides world history."

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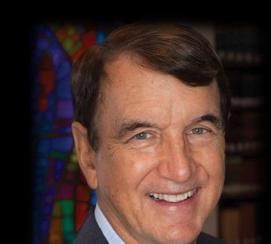
"While there certainly are skeptics of the biblical account of Jesus, there's actually far more reliable historical evidence for his life, teachings, miracles, death, and resurrection than for any other historical figure of ancient times.



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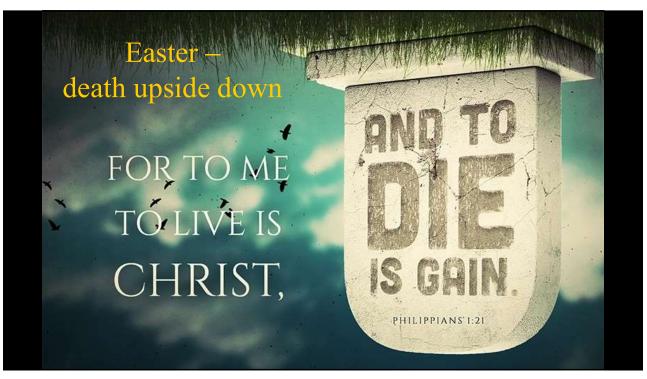
Christ is the only person in history who was pre-announced starting a thousand years before he was born, with 18 different prophets from the Old Testament between the tenth and the fourth centuries BC predicting his coming birth, life, and death – with David writing about His crucifixion at a time crucifixion was unknown as a means of execution.





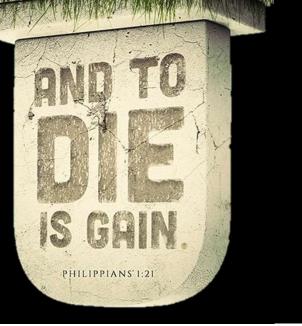
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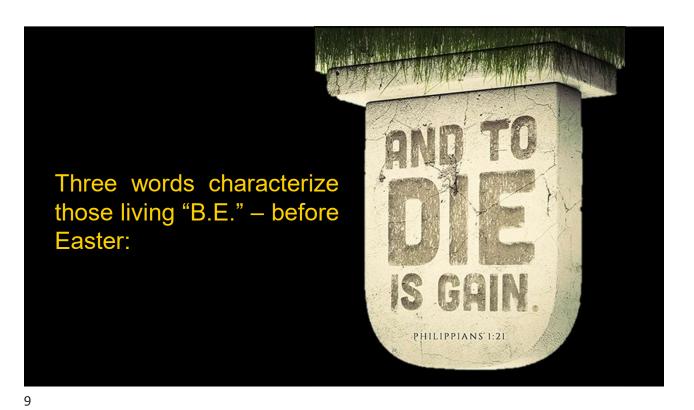
Hundreds of years later, those prophecies were fulfilled in surprisingly accurate and minute detail. ... It turns out that Easter is one of ancient history's most carefully scrutinized and best-attested events. The resurrection is real, and changes everything."

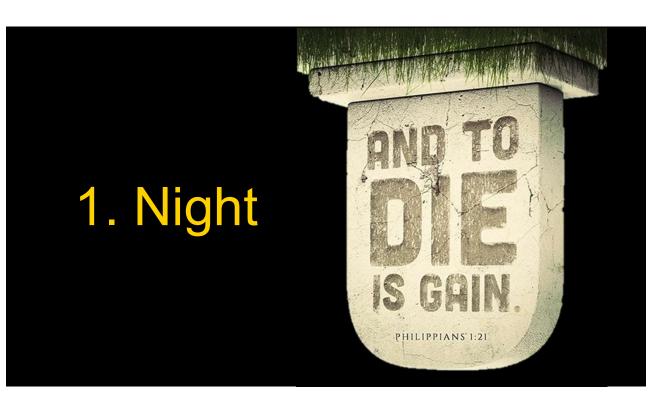


But "B.E.," before Easter, things were very different.

Death has always been man's greatest enemy and his greatest fear.







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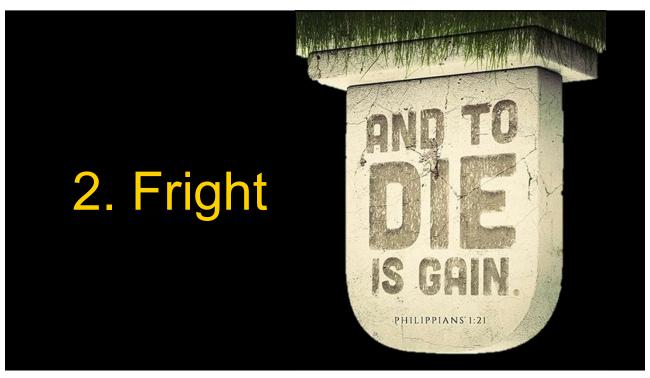
Is 9:2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined. (Mt 4:16)

Acts 26:18 to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God,

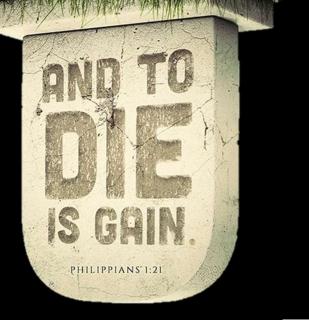
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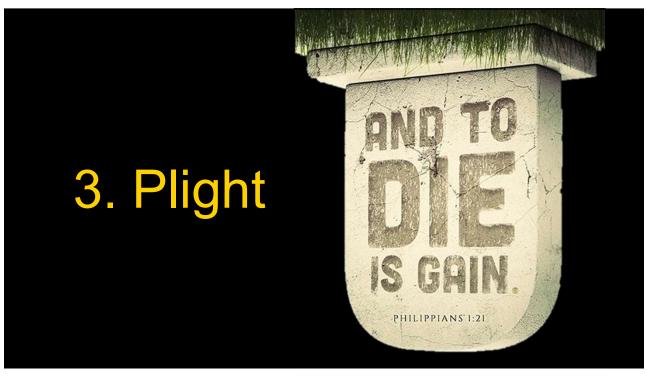
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Jn 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

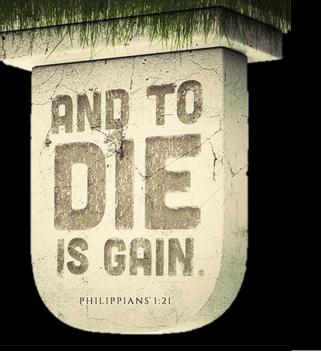


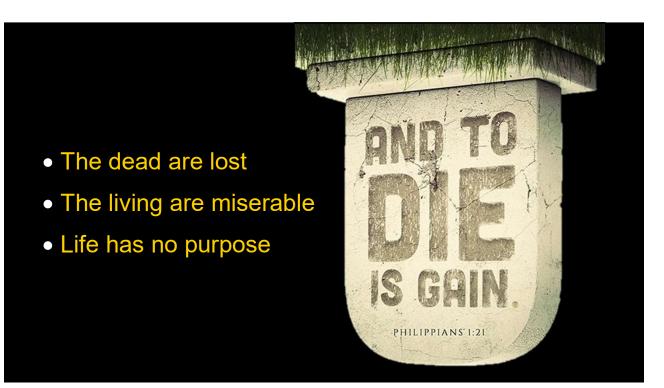
Heb 2:14-15 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.





1 Cor 15:17-19,32 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! ¹⁸ Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. ... ³² If the dead do not rise, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"



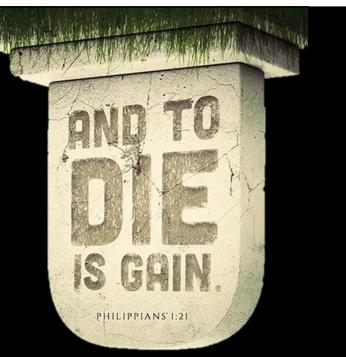


Eph 2:1-5

¹ And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Eph 2:4-5

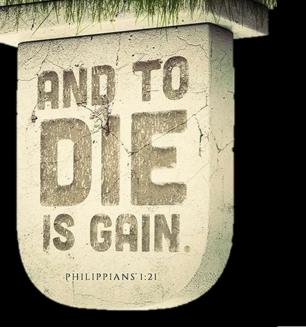
⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ



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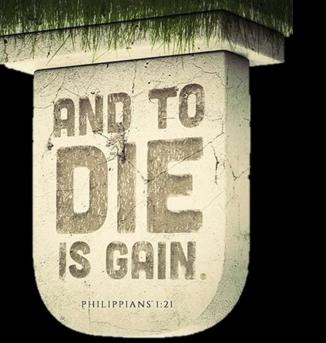
lsa 59:1-2

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you,



Gen 2:17

...but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

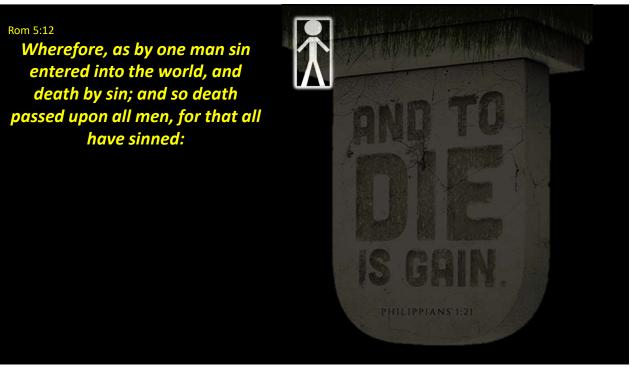


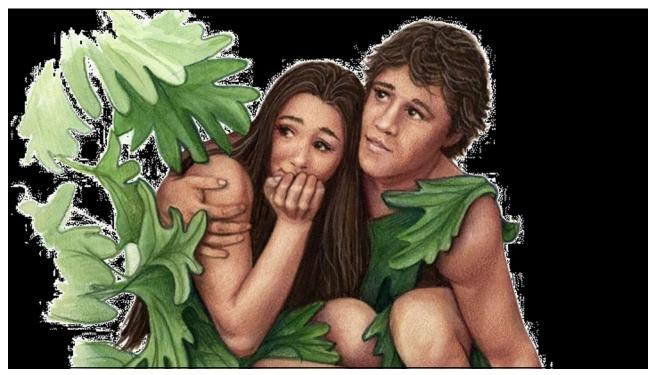
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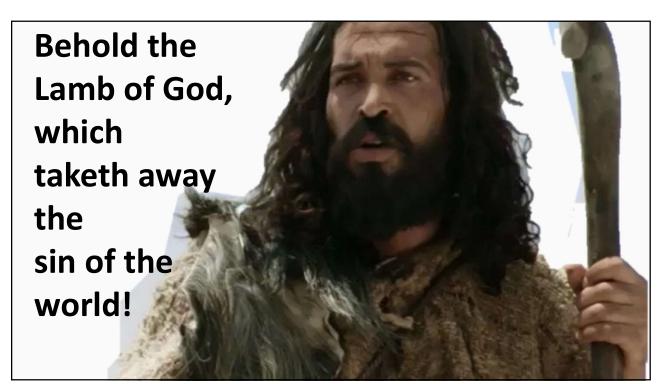
Rom 5:12

¹² Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

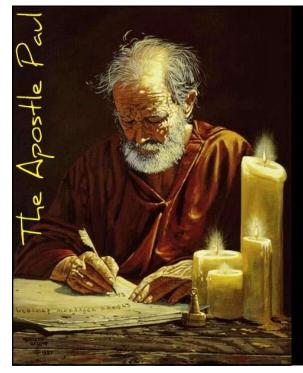












Hebrews 10:4, 11

(4) For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

(11) And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.

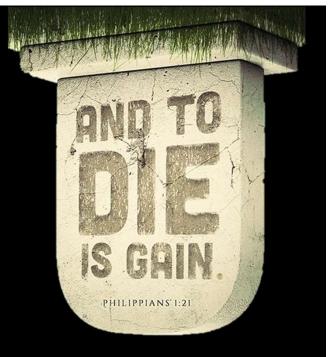
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John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only 1 Cor 15:21-22 otten of the Father,) For since by man came full of grace and truth. death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all Rom 5:8 die, even so in Christ shall But God commendeth his love all be made alive. toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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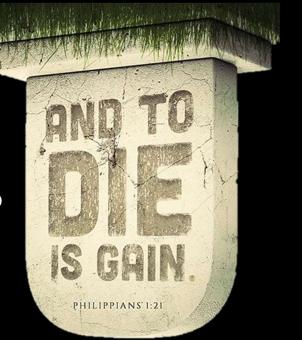
Hebrews 2:9

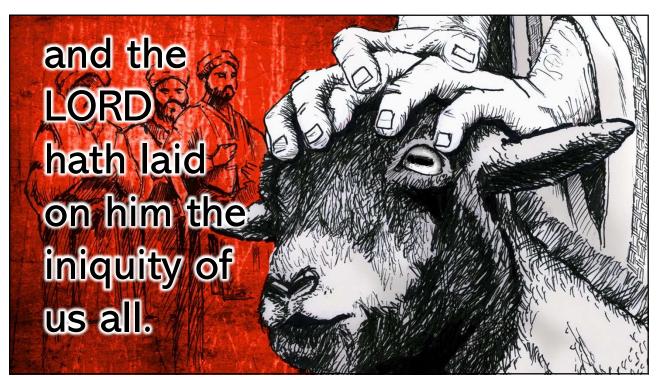
But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.





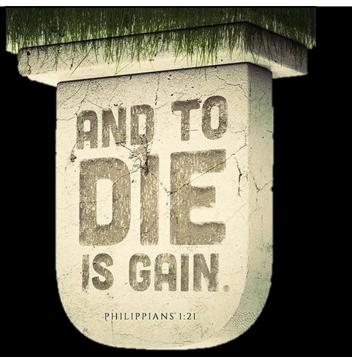
But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.



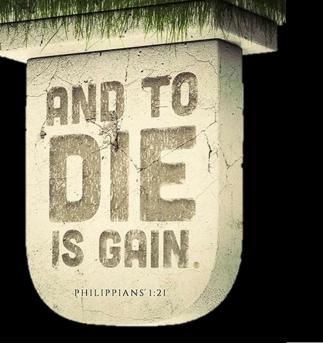


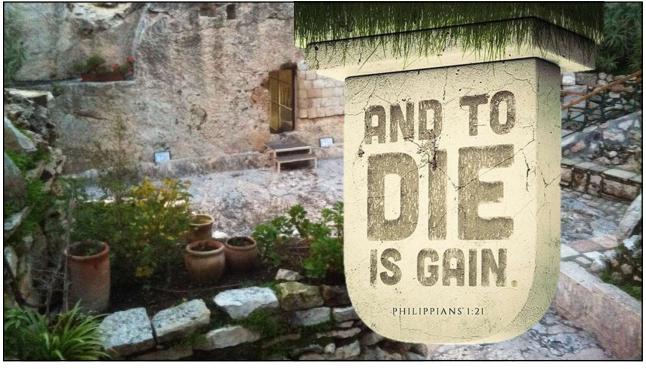
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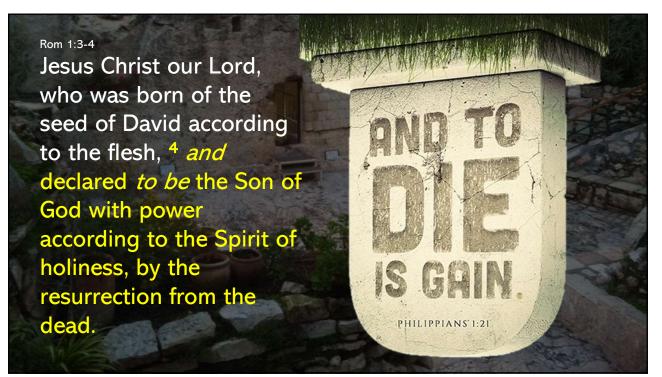
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.



- As Creator and Lord He is the offended party, and therefore the only one who can offer forgiveness.
- As Sovereign Judge He is the only one that can declare that justice has been met and debt paid in full.
- Being "Holy, Holy, Holy" His righteousness is sufficient to atone for the sinfulness of the entire world.

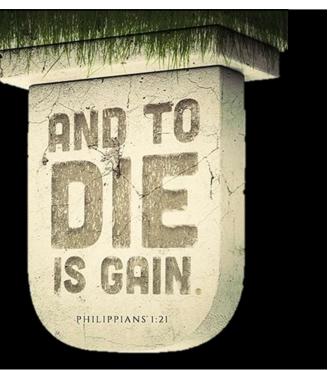






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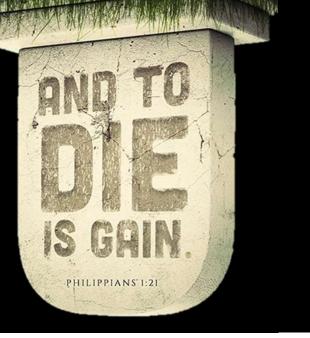
- The dead are lost in their sin and without hope.
- AFTER, we are justified by the blood of Jesus, called children of God by faith in Jesus' finished work.



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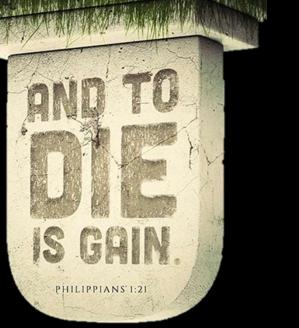
Before Easter

- The living are miserable all they have is this
- AFTER, no matter what our age, the best is yet to come.



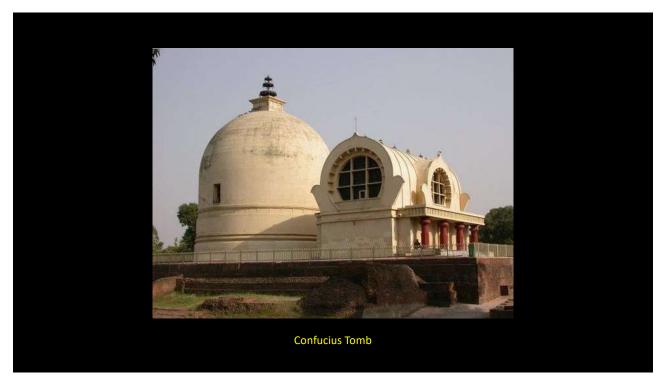
Before Easter

- Life has no purpose
- AFTER, whatever we do, we are to glorify God in all that we do.













1 Cor 15:51-55

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed — ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

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1 Cor 15:51-55

⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."^{*} ⁵⁵ "O Death, where is your sting?^{*} O Hades, where is your victory?"^{*}

