

## The Return of the King

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

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**The primary intent of this passage is to \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.**

- “So that you will not grieve as others who have no hope”

## The Resting

“\_\_\_\_\_” describes the \_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 23:39–43; 2 Corinthians 5:6–9; Philippians 1:21–24; Matthew 22:31–32

We grieve the \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_, loss of believers

## The Return

The return of Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

John 14:1–6; Acts 1:6–11

## The Resurrection

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the saints rests entirely on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

1 Corinthians 15:12–26

If God did not \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_, he will not \_\_\_\_\_ the Christian \_\_\_\_\_ either

1 Corinthians 15:50–53

## The Reunion

We will \_\_\_\_\_ and all of those \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 2 Samuel 12:23

## What do we do with this?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ one another!

1 Thessalonians 4:18

\_\_\_\_\_!

1 Corinthians 15:58

## Take Home Questions:

1. What was the most important thing you heard from the message today?
2. What is so important about understanding the intent of the passage? What might the reader miss if they don't understand the intent?
3. If you could have any question answered about the resurrection of believers and the return of Christ, what would it be?
4. What Scriptures stood out to you the most today? What did you take from them?
5. Is there a situation in your life, or in the life of someone you love, where today's message provides comfort and encouragement? How does knowing these things help change grief?
6. In what specific ways do you feel compelled to “abound in the work of the Lord?”

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**The primary intent of this passage is to provide comfort, not satisfy curiosity.**

- “So that you will not grieve as others who have no hope”

### **The Resting**

“Asleep” describes the body, not the soul

Luke 23:39–43; 2 Corinthians 5:6–9; Philippians 1:21–24; Matthew 22:31–32

We grieve the very real, but very temporary, loss of believers

### **The Return**

The return of Jesus is His great promise and our great hope

John 14:1–6; Acts 1:6–11

### **The Resurrection**

The future resurrection of the saints rests entirely on the historical resurrection of Christ

1 Corinthians 15:12–26

If God did not abandon Jesus to death, he will not abandon the Christian dead either

1 Corinthians 15:50–53

### **The Reunion**

We will be with Jesus and all of those in Christ for all of eternity.

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17; 2 Samuel 12:23

### **What do we do with this?**

Encourage and comfort one another!

1 Thessalonians 4:18

Finish Strong!

1 Corinthians 15:58

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