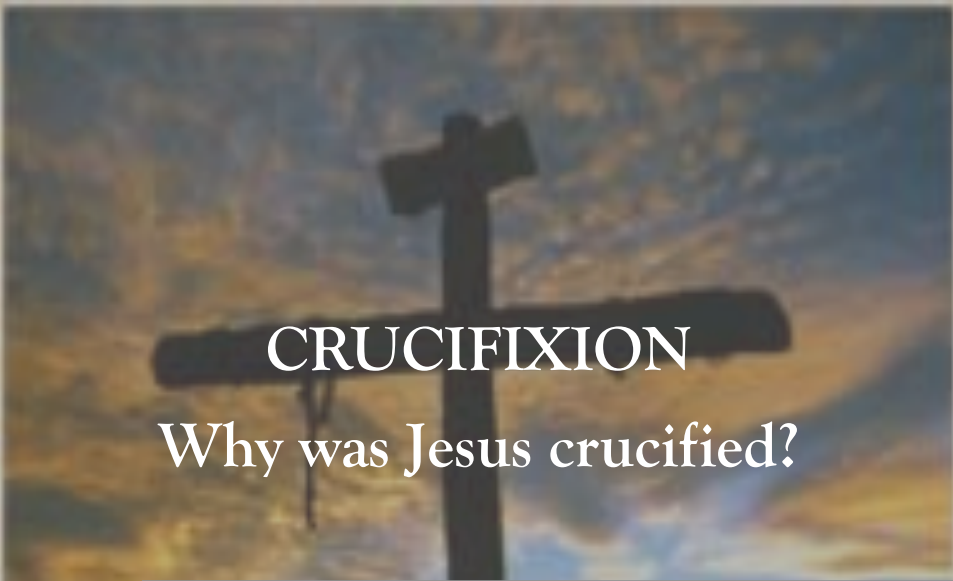
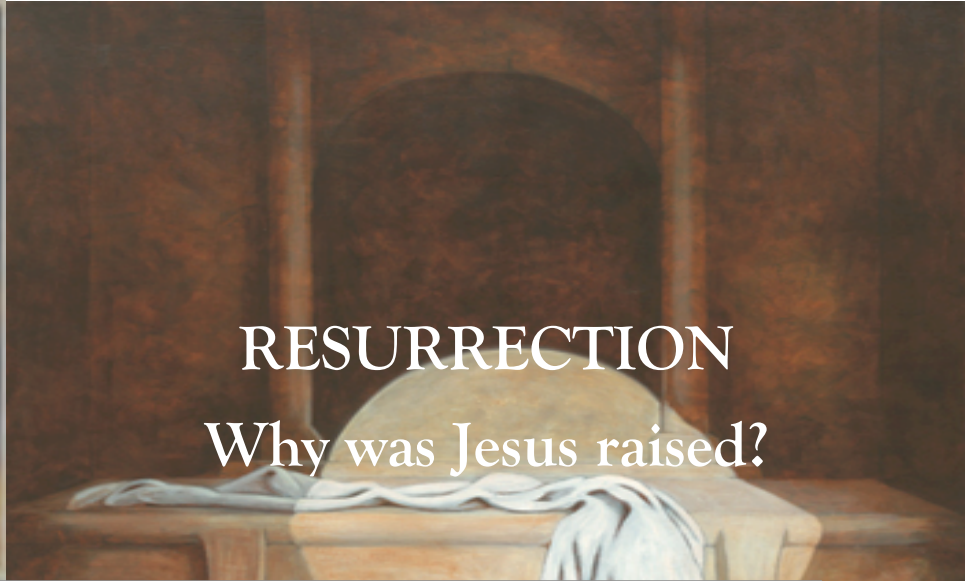




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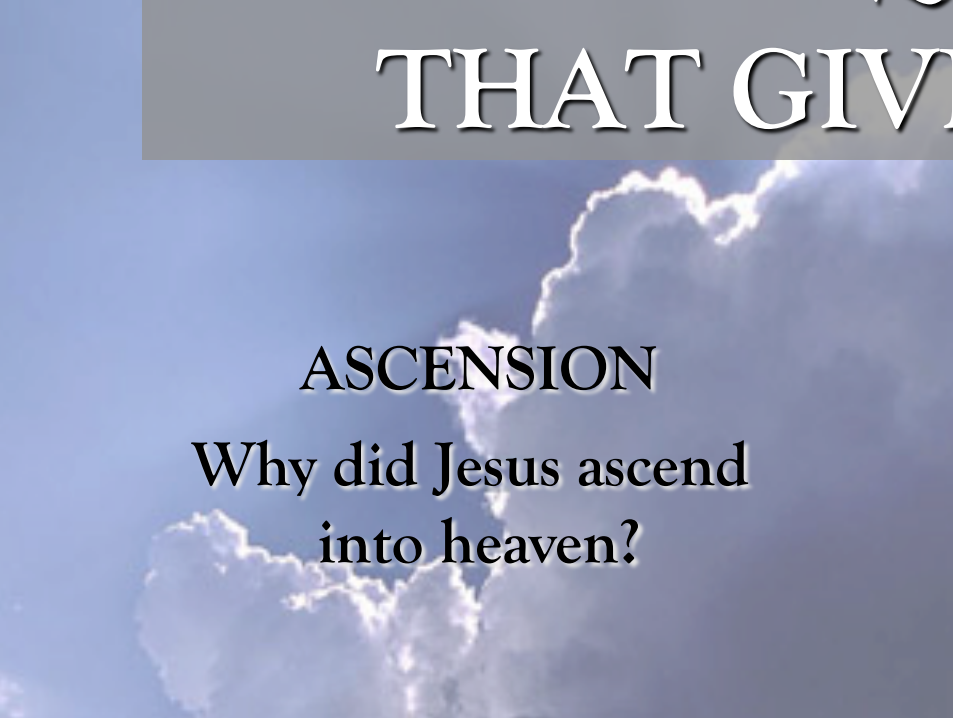
Why was Jesus crucified?



RESURRECTION

Why was Jesus raised?

TOUGH QUESTIONS THAT GIVE US HOPE



ASCENSION

Why did Jesus ascend
into heaven?



RETURN

Why will Jesus return
to the earth?

CRUCIFIXION

Why was Jesus crucified?

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures (1 Cor. 15:3)

Jesus our Lord...was delivered up because of our offenses... (Rom. 4:24)

Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. (Heb. 9:28)

The human problem is SIN. Sin is simply doing things *my way*, following *my own will*. It is *this* which has produced all the evil in this earth! (e.g. Mk. 7:17-23)

God's answer to SIN is the SACRIFICE of His Son: "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (Jn. 1:29)

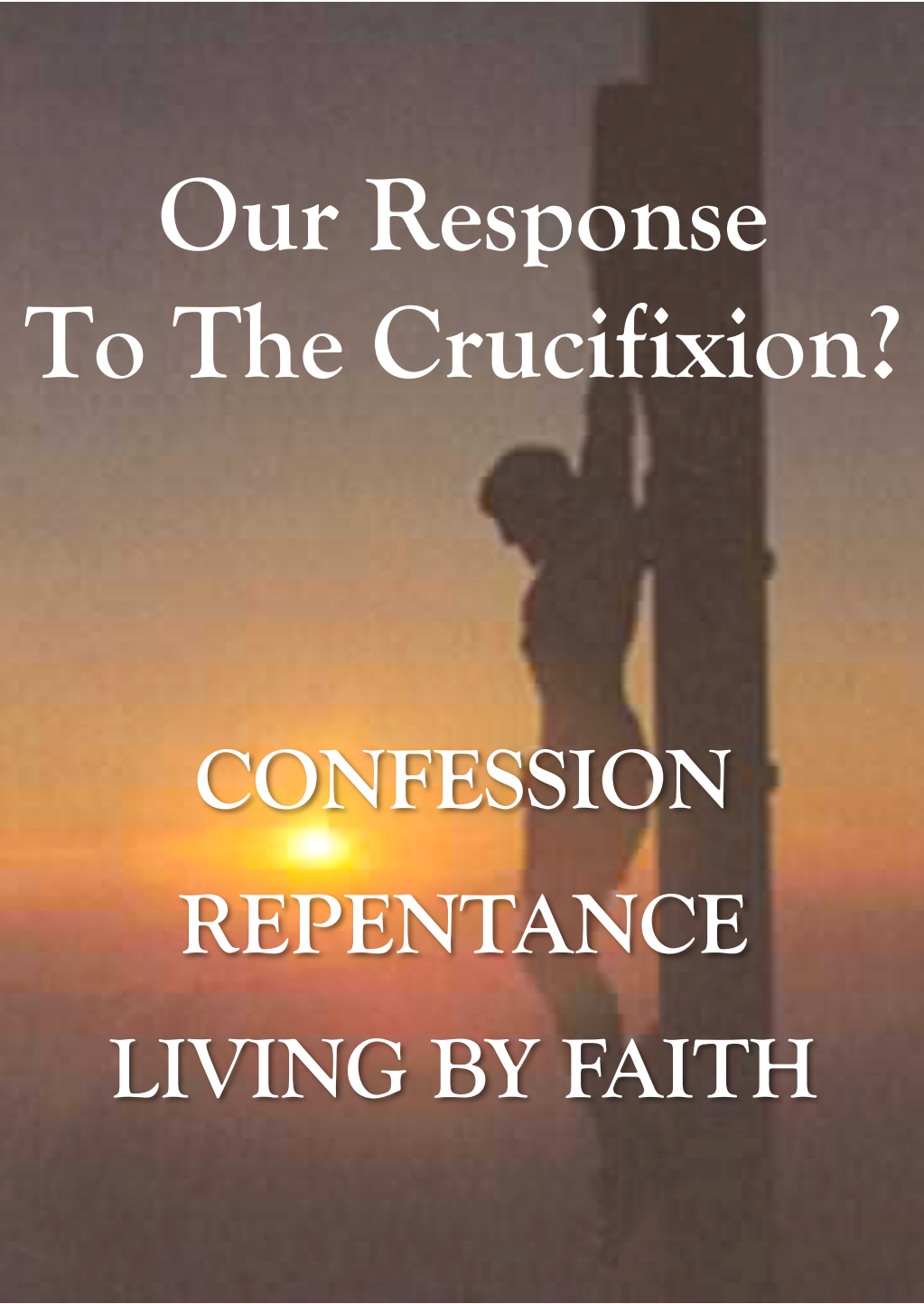
How Does The Crucifixion Address The Problem of Sin?

EXPOSES SIN: *“But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.” (Gal. 6:14)*

CONDEMNS SIN: *“God...by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, ... condemned sin in the flesh.” (Rom. 8:3)*

FORGIVES THE SINNER: *“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.” (Eph. 1:7)*

JUSTIFIES THE SINNER: *“But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed ...even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ ... being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” (Rom. 3:21-24)*

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Our Response To The Crucifixion?

CONFESSION
REPENTANCE
LIVING BY FAITH

RESURRECTION

Why was Jesus raised from the dead?

The problem addressed by resurrection is DEATH:

“Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.” (Rom. 6:8-9)

“If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.” (1 Cor. 15:17-22)

The problem with death is that it is REAL and PERMANENT.

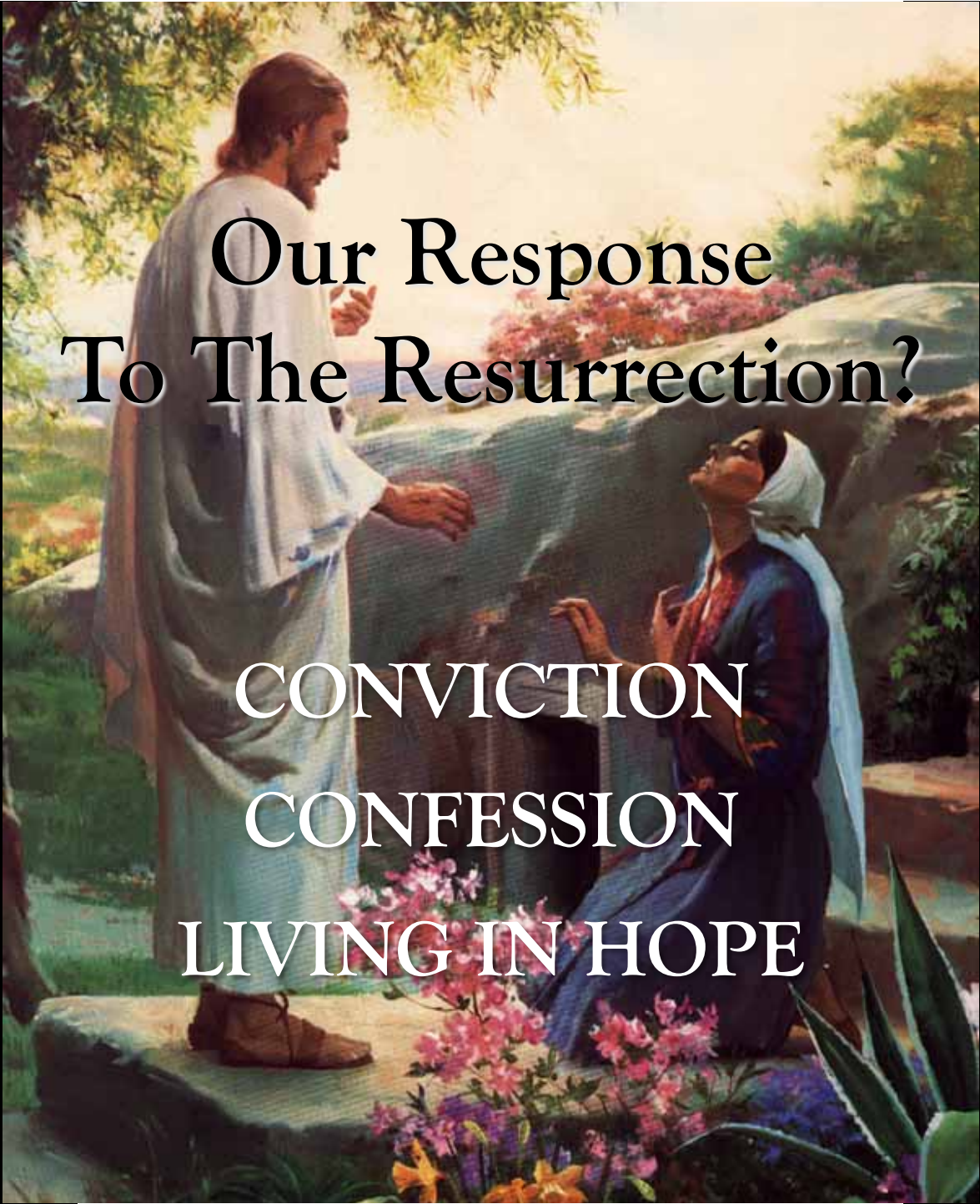
God’s answer to this problem is to demonstrate his power over it by making Jesus the FIRSTBORN from the dead.

How Does The Resurrection Solve The Problem of Death?

DEMONSTRATES GOD'S POWER OVER DEATH: *"To this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come—that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead." (Acts 26:22-23)*

PUTS THAT POWER IN JESUS' HANDS: *"Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death." (Rev. 1:17-18)*

US HOPE OF RESURRECTION & LIFE: *"According to the Way...so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets. I have hope in God...that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust." (Acts 24:14-15)*



Our Response To The Resurrection?

CONVICTION
CONFESSION
LIVING IN HOPE

ASCENSION

Why did Jesus ascend into heaven?

TO BECOME OUR HIGH PRIEST

“I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.” (Mt. 26:29 → Lev. 10:8-10)

“And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. For He testifies: ‘You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.’” (Heb. 7:15-17)

“We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.” (Heb. 8:1-2)

ASCENSION

Why did Jesus become our High Priest?

BECAUSE OF OUR HUMAN NATURE: *“(Jesus) himself likewise shared in the same [nature] that through death he might render powerless that which has the strength of death, that is, the devil.” (Heb. 2:14)*

WHICH IS WEAK: *“The spirit is indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Mt. 26:41)*

AND BECAUSE WE ARE INCAPABLE OF SAVING OURSELVES:

*“**For** every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness” (Heb. 5:1-2)*

How Does The ASCENSION Solve Problem of Human Nature?

SHOWS FAILURE TO SAVE THROUGH SYSTEM OF RULES

“For the Law made nothing perfect... For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.” (Heb. 7:19,28)

EXPOSES WEAKNESS OF OUR FLESH & DESPERATE NEED

“O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!” (Rom. 7:24-25)

PROVIDES HELP IN TIME OF NEED

“For in that (Jesus) himself has suffered, being tempted, he is able to aid those who are tempted.” (Heb. 2:18)

“But (Jesus), because he continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore he is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.” (Heb. 7:24-25)

Our Response To The Ascension of Jesus?

ACKNOWLEDGE NEED

SEEK GOD'S HELP

SUBMIT TO GOD'S SAVING WORK
IN CHRIST

RETURN

Why will Jesus return?

The problem is HUMAN RULE on this earth. Man's rule is driven by inherent selfishness and pride. The result has been violence, corruption and every kind of evil. Man's rule has ruined this earth.

What is needed is a DIVINE KING!

God...commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. (Acts 17:30-31)

Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (2 Pet. 3:13)

The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever! ... The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come...(that You) should destroy those who destroy the earth. (Rev. 11:15-18)

How Does Jesus' RETURN Solve the Problem of Human Rule?

PROVIDES A TRUE RULER: *“(The King) will judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice... He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor.” (Psa. 72:1-4)*

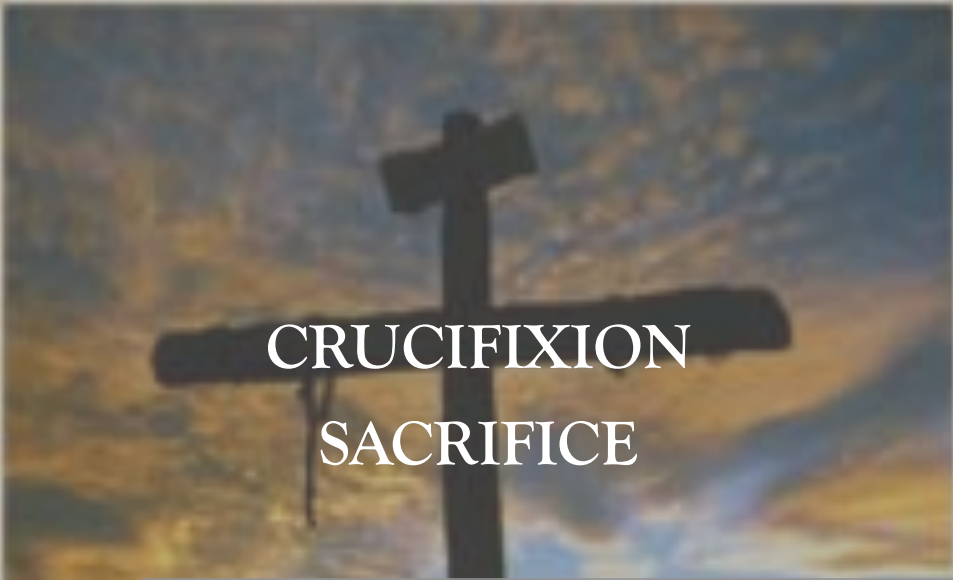
RESTORES A BROKEN WORLD: *“Repent therefore and be converted...so that times of refreshing may come...and that He may send Jesus Christ...whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.” (Acts 3:19-21)*

DESTROYS ALL ENEMIES: *“(Jesus) must reign till he has put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.” (1 Cor. 15:25-26)*

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Our Response To The Return of Jesus?

**CONFESS OUR FAILURE
PRAY FOR KINGDOM TO COME
LIVE AS SOJOURNERS**



CRUCIFIXION
SACRIFICE



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RETURN
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