

Fear of Life's Final Moments
To introduce and remind you of the
following realities:

- We don't have to fear death.
- Jesus' resurrection is real.

Supporting Scripture

- “Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; I would not tell you this if it were not true. I am going there to prepare a place for you. After I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me so that you may be where I am.” (John 14:1–3 ncv)
- “The living know they will die, but the dead know nothing.” (Ecclesiastes 9:5 ncv)
- “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 15:23 nlt)
- “Let me go over the Message with you one final time.” (1 Corinthians 15:1 msg)
- “[Jesus] was raised from death on the third day . . . he presented himself alive to Peter . . . his closest followers . . . more than five hundred of his followers . . . James . . . the rest of those he commissioned . . . and finally . . . to me.” (1 Corinthians 15:3–8 msg)
- “Free those who were like slaves all their lives because of their fear of death.” (Hebrews 2:15–16 ncv)

Are your days spent in fear of your final hour?

I. Not Afraid of Death

- A. We long to die without fright or a fight.
- “Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; I would not tell you this if it were not true. I am going there to prepare a place for you. After I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me so that you may be where I am.” (John 14:1–3 ncv)
- B. We have a new hope.
- “The living know they will die, but the dead know nothing.” (Ecclesiastes 9:5 ncv)

II. Can We Trust Jesus?

- A. Paul defends the logic of the resurrection.
- “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 15:23 nlt)
- B. Paul reviewed the facts.
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III. Let's Die with Faith

- A. Redefine the way you look at the grave.
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